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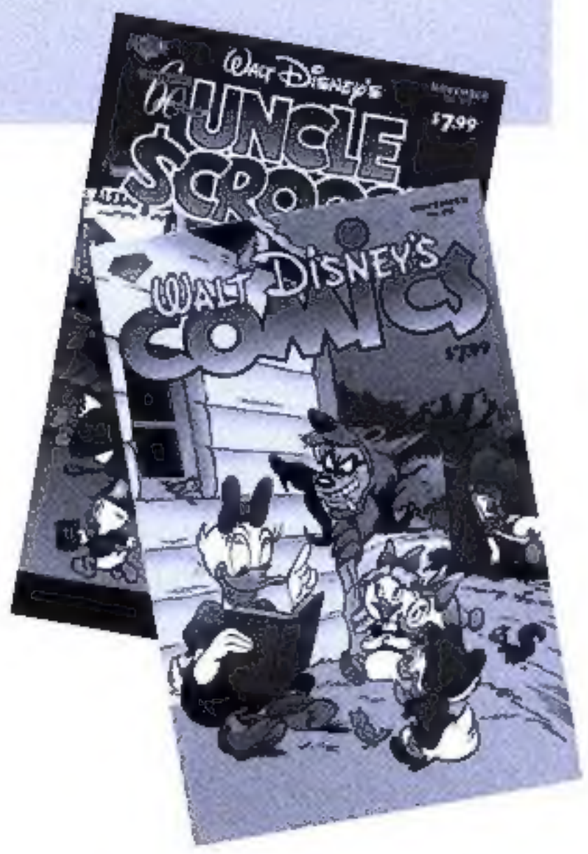

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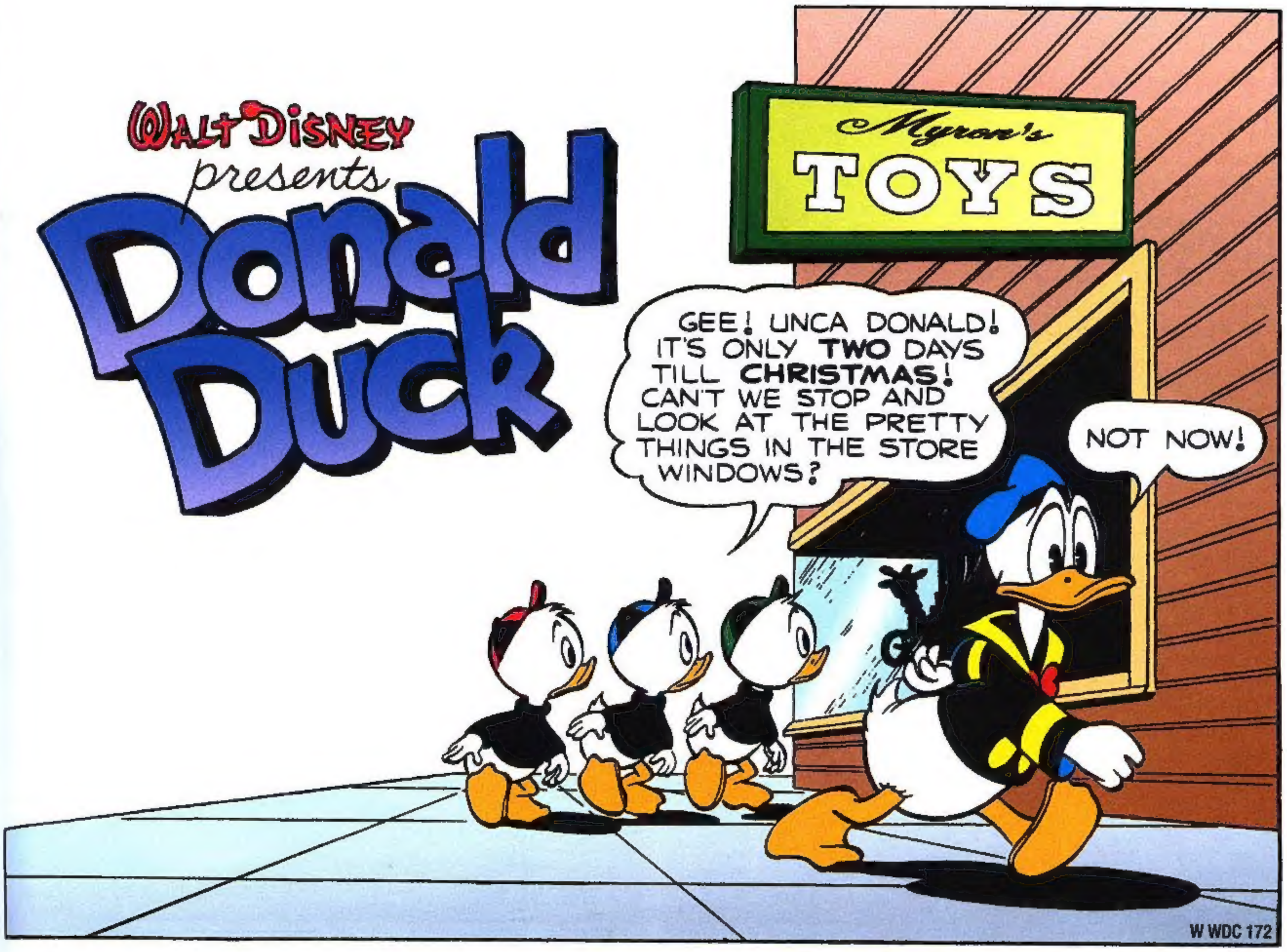
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TOYS
GEE! UNCA DONALD! IT'S ONLY **TWO** DAYS TILL **CHRISTMAS!** CAN'T WE STOP AND LOOK AT THE PRETTY THINGS IN THE STORE WINDOWS?
NOT NOW!
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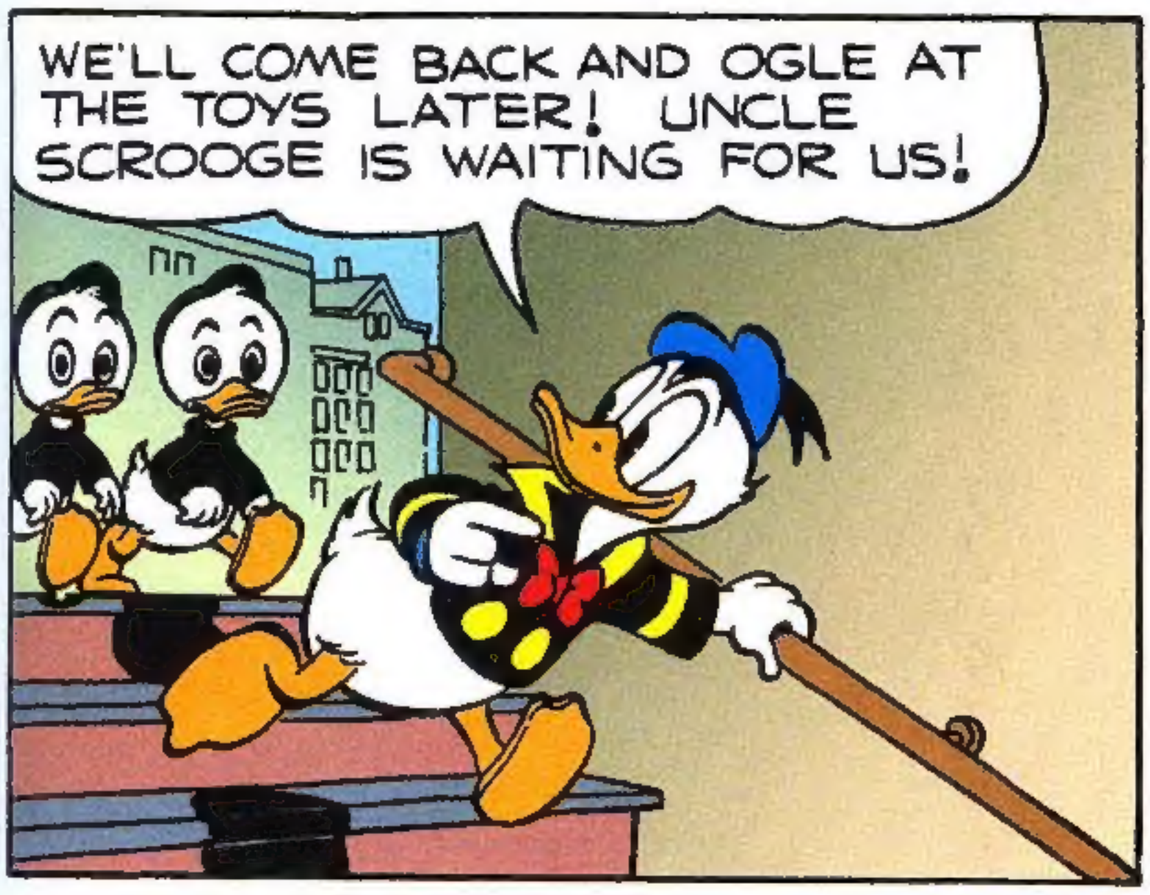

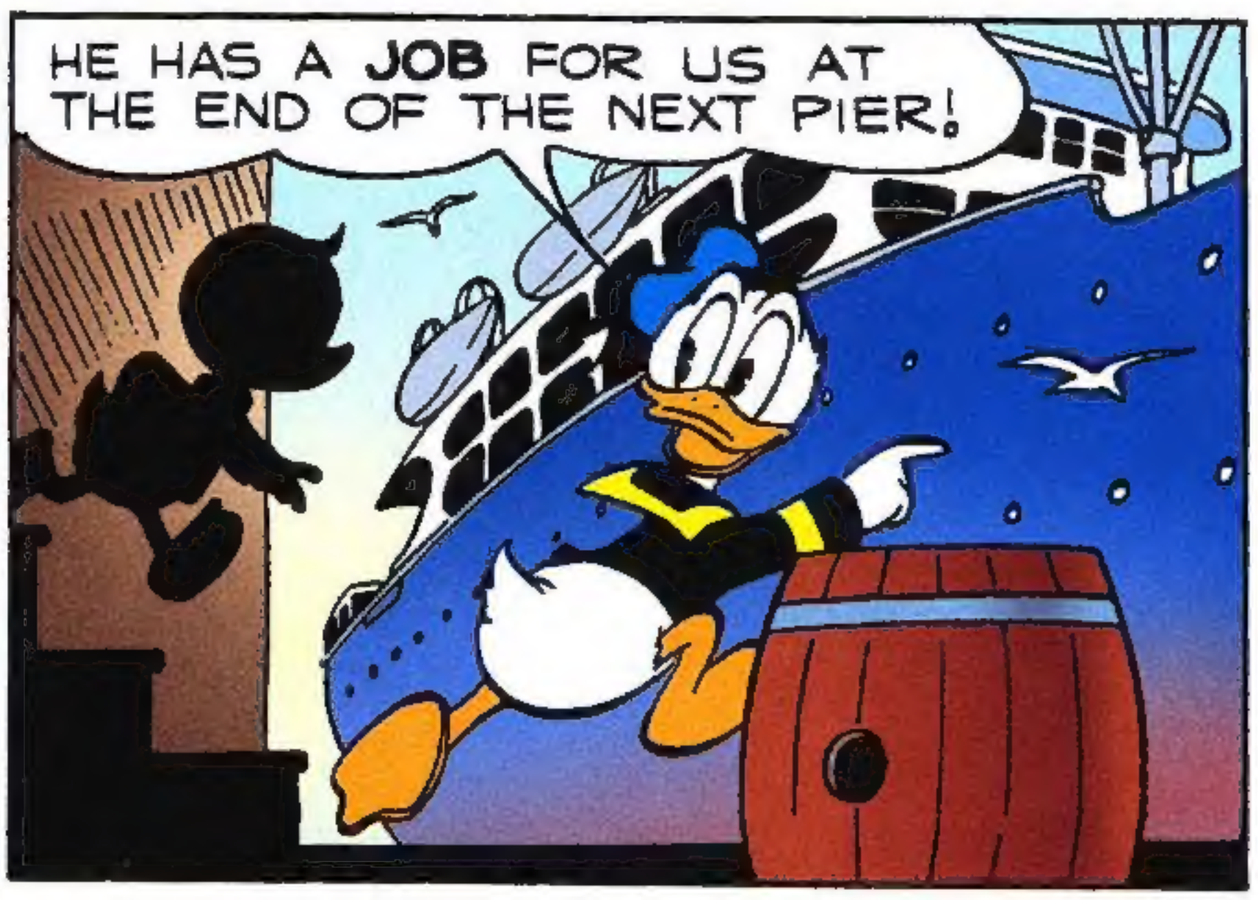

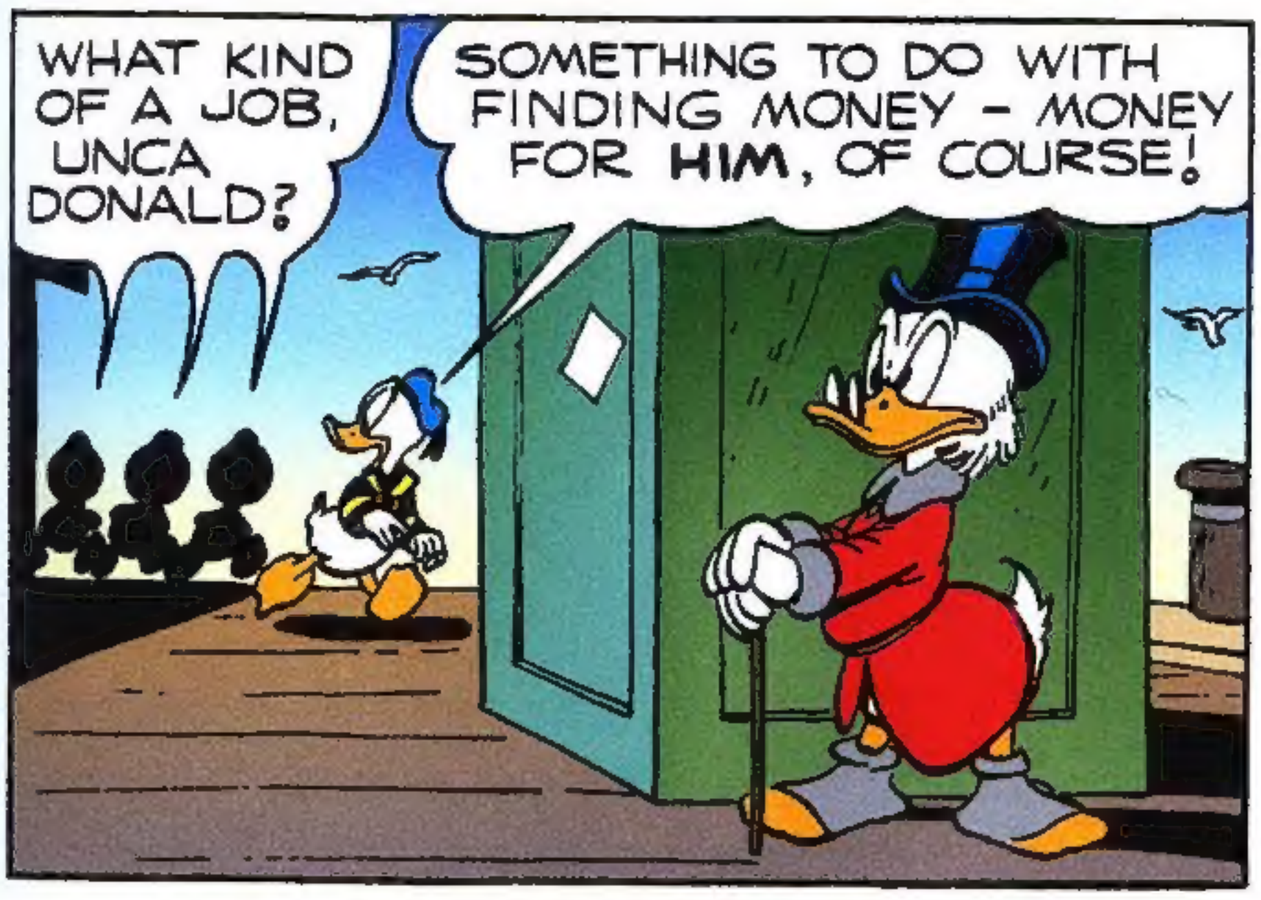

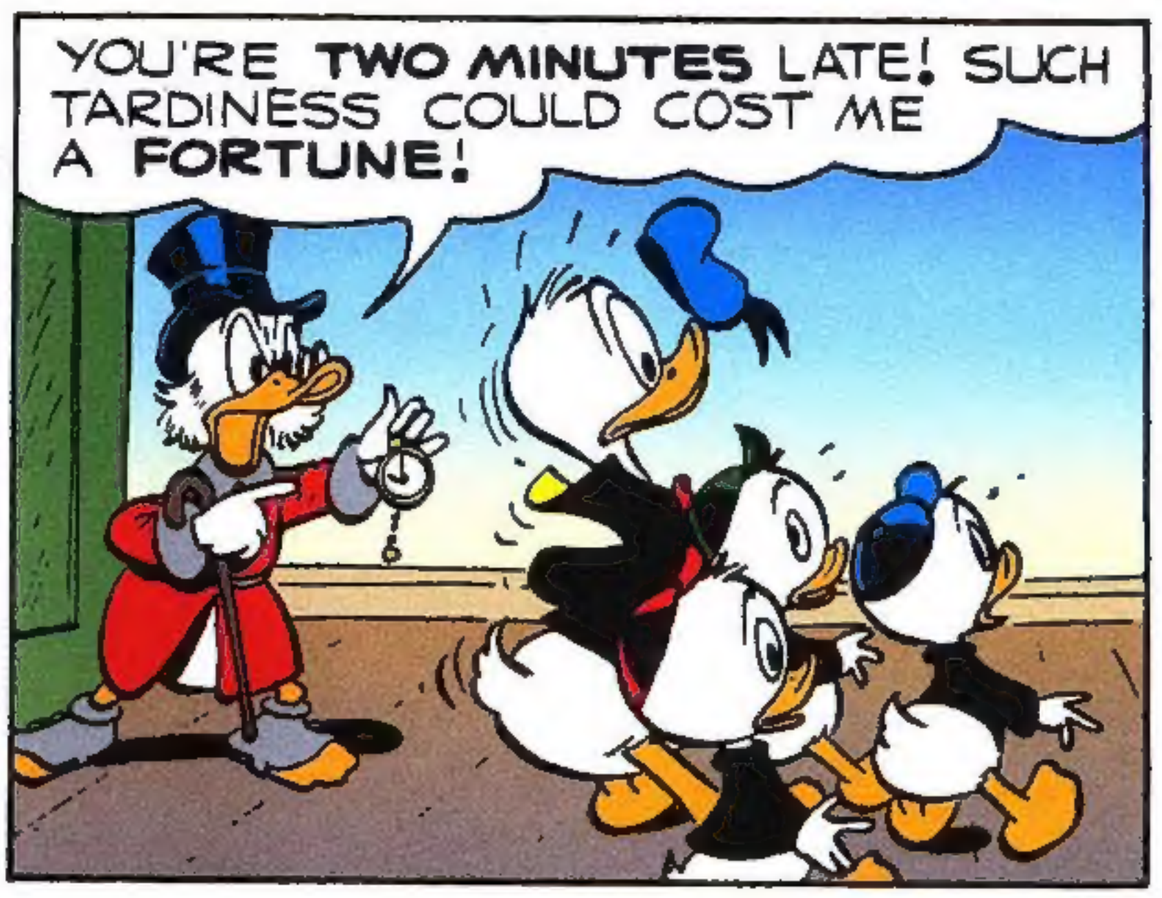

WE'RE SORRY, UNCA SCROOGE! WE MUST HAVE DRAGGED OUR FEET PASSING BY THE CHRISTMAS TOYS!

CHRISTMAS!

I **HATE** CHRISTMAS! EVERY YEAR PEOPLE GO LOONEY OVER TOYS AND PRESENTS! **BAH!** WHAT JUGHEADS!

LET SANTA CLAUS FURNISH THE PRESENTS! HE'S THE GUY THAT INVENTED THE CUSTOM! (SNORT!)

SHAKE A LEG, YOU SLOW-POKES! MY SHIP IS READY TO SAIL!

SAIL? ARE WE GOING OUT ON THE **OCEAN?**

WE'LL **MISS** CHRISTMAS!

CHRISTMAS! BAH! IT'S CHRISTMAS ON THE OCEAN, TOO!

BUT CAN SANTA CLAUS **FIND** US, AWAY OUT THERE ON THE SEA?

IF WE'RE ON A GREAT, **BIG** SHIP - THAT RIDES **HIGH** ON THE WATER - HE MIGHT SEE IT!

OKAY! HERE WE ARE! GET ABOARD!

CREEPS! A-A **SUBMARINE!**

HURRY, I SAID, BEFORE SOMEBODY SEES US!

HEY! NOT SO FAST! MAYBE WE DON'T **WANT** THIS JOB!

YES! WHY DON'T YOU HIRE **ANOTHER** CREW?

I CAN'T **TRUST** ANOTHER CREW! THAT'S WHY!

WELL, THEN, **CANCEL** YOUR VOYAGE - AND SAIL **AFTER** CHRISTMAS!

I **HAVE TO** SAIL **NOW**! IF I DON'T, SOME OTHER OUTFIT WILL BEAT ME TO THE PRIZE!

BESIDES, WE'RE NOW ON THE **BOTTOM** OF THE HARBOR! IF YOU WANT TO SEE **AIR** AGAIN, YOU'VE **GOT TO** WORK FOR ME!

!

BUT, UNCA SCROOGE, WE'LL **MISS** CHRISTMAS!

SANTA CLAUS WILL NEVER FIND US ABOARD THIS THING!

DONALD, EXPLAIN TO THESE KIDS THAT SANTA CLAUS WILL LEAVE THEIR PRESENTS AT **YOUR** HOUSE!

YOU EXPLAIN!

THE PRESENTS WILL BE THERE, WAITING FOR YOU, WHEN WE COME BACK TO SHORE NEXT WEEK!

BUT THAT WON'T BE **LIKE** CHRISTMAS! KIDS LIKE TO GET THEIR TOYS ON **CHRISTMAS EVE**!

OH, FIDDLE-FADDLE! CHRISTMAS EVE WE'LL BE **UNDER** THE NORTHERN OCEAN! GET ON THE BALL!

THE SUB MOVES OUT OF THE HARBOR!

KEEP HER **DEEP**! THERE ARE SPIES WATCHING EVERY INCH OF THE SURFACE!

WHY SPIES? AND **WHY** ALL THIS SNEAKING AROUND?

I'M LOOKING FOR THE STEAMSHIP "*CUSPIDORIA*" THAT WAS SUNK DURING THE WAR WITH A FORTUNE IN **MY** MONEY ABOARD!

WELL?

THE COAST GUARD HAS ANNOUNCED HER LOCATION! SO THERE'S A **RACE** ON TO REACH HER STRONG ROOMS!

THE NEXT DAY PASSES, AND THE NEXT!

DID THE COAST GUARD SAY **EXACTLY** WHERE THEY FOUND THE WRECK?

NO!

IT WAS DARK AND STORMY, AND THEY COULDN'T BE SURE, BUT THEY THINK IT WAS AROUND **HERE** – 54 NORTH LATITUDE!

WHAT'S THE MATTER?

I WAS JUST THINKING HOW SIMPLE IT WOULD BE TO FIND A NEEDLE IN A HAYSTACK!

WELL, ANYWAY, I'M GOING TO **FIND** IT, EVEN IF IT TAKES A MONTH! PREPARE TO DIVE!

CRISSCROSS THE OCEAN BOTTOM IN TEN-MILE SWEEPS, WHILE I LISTEN FOR THE WRECK WITH THE RADAR SOUNDER!

HAVE YOU NOTICED WHAT NIGHT THIS IS?

YES! **CHRISTMAS EVE!**

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OH, WELL, SANTA CLAUS WILL LEAVE OUR TOYS AT OUR **HOUSE!**

HE'LL KNOW WHERE WE LIVE, BY THE ADDRESS ON OUR LETTER!

WHICH REMINDS ME! .... UNCA DONALD, DID YOU **MAIL** OUR LETTER TO SANTA CLAUS? THE ONE WE GAVE YOU LAST WEDNESDAY?

LETTER?... DID I MAIL THAT LETTER?

!

UH, OH!

UNCA DONALD FORGOT TO MAIL OUR LETTER TO SANTA CLAUS!

NOW WE'LL **NEVER** GET ANY PRESENTS! OH, SOB! SOB!

SOB!

BOO-HOO!

SNIFF!

SHUT UP THAT RACKET! I'VE GOT TO LISTEN FOR A **BUZZ** IN THIS RADAR SOUNDER!

OH, WHAT A **MESS** I'VE MADE OF THINGS!

SOB!

SNIFF!

YOU'RE LETTING THE SUB DRIFT OFF ITS COURSE! GET BACK ON THE BEAM!

YESSIR!

YESSIR!

YESSIR!

YESSIR!

CLICK

IT MUST BE WONDERFUL TO BE AS **HARD-HEARTED** AS UNCLE SCROOGE! HE NEVER FEELS SORRY FOR **ANYBODY**!

THEY THINK THAT I DON'T UNDERSTAND CHRISTMAS— THAT I WOULDN'T LIKE TO GET PRESENTS, TOO!

BUT I **WORK** FOR MY PRESENTS— LIKE I'M WORKING NOW TO FIND THAT SHIP!

IF I FIND THE *CUSPIDORIA*, THAT STRONGBOX FULL OF GOLD WILL BE **MY** CHRISTMAS PRESENT!

HERE, UNCA SCROOGE, IS A SNACK TO HELP YOU KEEP AWAKE!

WE'RE SORRY WE WERE SUCH CRY BABIES!

"MERRY CHRISTMAS TO UNCLE SCROOGE — FROM DONALD AND DEWEY AND HUEY AND LOUIE!"

THE *CUSPIDORIA* WILL BE **MY** MERRY CHRISTMAS — BUT WHAT WILL BE THEIRS?

YOU CONFOUNDED KIDS, SCOOT OFF TO YOUR BUNKS! YOU MAKE ME FEEL LIKE A **MEAN** OLD MONEY-GRUBBER!

DONALD, SURFACE THIS YACHT! I WANT TO SEE IF ALL'S CLEAR ABOVE!

THE WHOLE AREA'S CRAWLING WITH SALVAGE BOATS! THEY SURE GOT HERE FAST!

THEY'LL FIND THE *CUSPIDORIA* IF I DON'T LOCATE HER **QUICK!** DRAT THEIR **GREEDY** HIDES!

DO YOU WANT TO **DIVE** AGAIN?

I'VE CHANGED MY PLANS! TRY TO SLIP THROUGH THEM TO OPEN WATER!

I'VE GOT A MESSAGE TO SEND BY McDUCK SECRET CODE!

McDUCK AIRLINES?..... CAN YOU LOAD A PLANE AND GET IT TO THIS AREA BEFORE MORNING?

ARE YOU GOING TO **BOMB** THOSE SALVAGE BOATS?

SHUT UP!

?

JVZXK ... JKKOM .. LX NLVSP ... KO –

FULL SPEED AHEAD! WE'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE **FAST!**

LIKE A ROARING WHALE, THE SUB PLOWS THROUGH THE BLACK SEAS!

WE'VE COME **FIFTY** MILES FROM THE SALVAGE GROUND! HAVE YOU GONE LOCO?

COULD BE, DONALD! ... ZXS! OXMJCZ! ZKMKOK!

TURN HER NOSE INTO THE WIND AND HEAVE TO!

HAND UP THE SIGNAL LAMP!

BLINK - BLINK - BLINK

AN AIRPLANE UP THERE DROPPED A **BUNDLE!**

YES! THIS IS AS FAR OUT AS IT DARED COME WITH ITS LOAD!

HELP ME HAUL THIS STUFF ABOARD!

I CAN'T IMAGINE WHAT SORT OF **WEAPONS** ARE IN THESE BOXES!

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS! TOYS FOR THE KIDS, AND A BIG BOX FOR ME!

To Louie

To Donald

YOU GAVE UP YOUR CHANCE TO FIND THE *CUSPIDORIA* JUST TO GET THESE PRESENTS FOR THE KIDS AND ME!

SHHH!

DON'T **WAKE** THE KIDS! WE WANT THEM TO THINK THAT SANTA CLAUS BROUGHT THESE PRESENTS!

OKAY! BUT—

NOW, STOP GUSHING! I'M GOING TO PUT ON THESE RADAR-PHONES SO I WON'T HAVE TO LISTEN TO YOU!

BUZZz!

BUZZZ

So AS MORNING COMES IN THE SUB DEEP BENEATH THE NORTHERN SEA...

SANTA CLAUS

DID

FIND US!

THAT'S RIGHT! AND HE BROUGHT A PRESENT FOR **ME**, TOO!

FOR **YOU**?

YES! THE *CUSPIDORIA*! FIFTY MILES NEARER SHORE THAN SHE WAS REPORTED TO BE!

CUSPIDORIA

AND DON'T TELL ME THAT SANTA CLAUS DIDN'T LEAD ME **RIGHT** TO HER SIDE!

THE END

Walt Disney's MICKEY MOUSE • IN • Tradition

EVERYONE KNOWS MICKEY'S FAVORITE DAY OF THE YEAR IS CHRISTMAS EVE...

...A DAY STEEPED IN TIME-HONORED TRADITION –

AND EVERYONE KNOWS *MY* TRADITION – THE HUNT FOR A *CHRISTMAS TREE* HIGH ATOP *MT. OMINOUS!*

I CAN HARDLY *WAIT* FOR THE EXCITEMENT TO COME!

I'M SIMPLY *AWASH* WITH EXPECTATION!

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AH, TRADITION! A DAY SPENT IN COMFORT BY COZY FIRES –

AVOIDING FROSTBITE WHILE ANTICIPATING MICKEY'S RETURN IS *MY* SPECIALTY!

A SWELL IDEA, HORACE!

A DAY TO PREPARE FEASTS FOR GATHERED FRIENDS –

ONCE MICKEY'S SILLY EXCURSION IS OVER, WE'LL SIT DOWN TO *CHRISTMAS DINNER!*

AND AS THE TOWN WAITS WITH BATED BREATH...

THERE BOLDLY GOES A *SPIRITED* SOUL!

SURELY *SOMEONE* POSSESSES THE GUMPTION TO *JOIN HIM* THIS YEAR?

...ALL AGREE MICKEY'S CHRISTMAS EVE TRADITION ISN'T BORING IN THE LEAST!

NOPE! NOBODY'S *FOOL ENOUGH* TO FOLLOW MICKEY UP MT. OMINOUS! NOT FOR A CHRISTMAS TREE!

OH?

AH, TIS A WASTE OF CELEBRATED TRADITION TO SEEK A ***LIVE TREE,*** MY LITTLE FRIEND!

BUT I LIKE THE ***SMELL*** OF ***FRESH*** PINE NEEDLES!

SO OLD-FASHIONED... SO MONOTO-NOUS!

HAH! THIS HUMBLE ARTIFACT IS A ***TRIUMPH*** OVER NATURE'S FRESHNESS!

CLICK!

NOTE THE ***ARTIFICIAL SCENT*** AND PROGRAMMABLE ARRAY OF ***DAZZLING LIGHTS!***

AND WHAT'S MORE, LITTLE CHUM, THE COVETOUS ***OWNERSHIP*** OF THIS GEM CAN BE ***PERMANENTLY YOURS*** FOR...

...ONLY ***FIFTY BUCKS!***

WHAT? THAT'S ***HIGHWAY ROBBERY!***

MY DEAR SIR, I PEDDLE ONLY THE ***FINEST*** ARTIFICIAL TREES IN TOWN!

AND AS THE FOREMOST PROMOTER OF FAKE SHRUBBERY, I ***GUARANTEE SATISFACTION!***

NUTS! ***TRASHING*** THE VERY TRADITION I HOLD DEAR...

...WON'T ENDEAR ME TO YOUR ***TREE-SHAPED DISCO BALL!***

NEITHER WILL I ***COMPROMISE*** A VALUED TRADITION BY STOOPING TO BUYING ONE!

A FINE MESS! I'VE HAD TO *LOWER* MY PRICES TO *UNLOAD* THIS JUNK!

SO NOW TO REALIZE A *PROFIT,* I'VE GOTTA *SELL* THIS *LAST* LOUSY TREE!

BUT EVERYONE IN TOWN *HAS* A CHRISTMAS TREE – EXCEPT THAT LITTLE RUGRAT!

→GRR!← NO ONE MESSES WITH MY FONDEST CHRISTMAS *PROFIT!* NO, SIR!

HEY, MISTER! YOU'RE NOT ACTUALLY GONNA *FOLLOW* MICKEY UP MT. OMINOUS?

CERTAINLY! WHAT *HARM* CAN COME FROM A VALUED TRADITION?

MT. OMINOUS! IT EXERTS A POWERFUL INFLUENCE UPON THOSE CHALLENGING ITS SLOPES –

HALF THE *FUN* IS DRAGGING A PACKED SLED WITH ONLY *ACHES AND PAINS* FOR COMPANY!

BUT SOON I'LL STUMBLE UPON MY *REWARD* –

THE *PERFECT TREE!*

AND THEN... AH, YES...

THEN!

BUT UNBEKNOWNST TO MICKEY –

HA! ARRIVING FIRST MEANS I CAN *DEPRIVE* THAT RUNT OF THE *ONLY PERFECT SPECI-MEN* ON THIS ANTHILL!

-=YUCK!=- I *HATE* THAT *PHONY* TREES WILL NEVER SUPPLANT *LIVE* TREES! AND I *HATE* LIVE TREES!

THUMP! BASH!

RUMBLE! GRUMBLE!

IN FACT, I HATE *ANYTHING* GENUINELY *NATURAL!*

YOICKS!

THIS SLOPE IS *STEEP!*

I WONDER WHY THAT RUNT WOULD VENTURE TO THIS *ABOMINABLE* PLACE JUST FOR A TREE?

DOGGONE IT! I'M HUNTING IN *CIRCLES* FOR A SUITABLE TREE...

...BUT ALL THE TREES I'VE SEEN ARE *TOO TALL!*

WHERE ARE THE *SHORT* ONES?

HM... I DON'T RECALL TREKKING THIS WAY BEFORE!

AND IT'S *STRANGE* THAT THOSE TWO TALL TREES ARE *DEVOID OF SNOW!*

THE SPACE BETWEEN THEM WOULD BE *IDEAL* FOR A *SMALL TREE* TO GROW!

INSTEAD, THERE'S JUST A *SUSPICIOUS* MOUND OF SNOW...

...AND A PLETHORA OF *SNOW PRINTS* THAT DON'T BELONG TO ME!

THERE'S SOMETHING *SCREWY* HERE!

CURSES! THAT LITTLE RUNT HAS CAUGHT ON!

TIME FOR *PLAN "B"!*

WHAT IN BLAZES?

RUMBLE!

A SNOWBALL'S COMING *RIGHT AT ME!*

GOOD GRIEF! WHY SHOULD A *SLEAZEBAG PEDDLER* TRY TO SPOIL MY CHRISTMAS TRADITION?

HA!

WHAT'S THE *BIG DEAL* ABOUT BAGGING A TREE WAY UP HERE...

...WHEN YOU CAN BE THE PROUD OWNER OF A DELUXE *SPASMODIC* MODEL FOR ONLY 50 SMACKERS!

SO THAT'S IT! YOU'VE GOT SOME *NERVE!*

YES! AND HOPEFULLY SOON A SMALL *AVALANCHE* WILL ROB YOU OF A PERFECTLY GOOD LIVE TREE...

...AND *FORCE YOU* TO LINE MY WALLET WITH *HARD CASH!*

HEY! QUIT THAT BEFORE YOU –

STULP!

THUMP!

RUMBLE!

CRASH!

THUD!

WHUMP!

ROAR!

YOICKS!

LOOK OUT!

THUS, AS MICKEY CALMLY HARVESTS HIS PRIZE...

CHOP! CHOP! CHOP!

...THERE COMES THE SOUNDS OF A STRUGGLE AND THE FUMING FIT OF THE CENTURY –

=AARGH! GROWF! GRR! SLAVER!=

MOCK ME, WILL YOU?

WELL, RUNT, I'VE REACHED THE RADICAL *LIMIT* WITH CONIFEROUS BLIGHTS AND BORING TRADITIONS!

SHUCKS, MISTER! THE EXCITEMENT'S ONLY JUST *BEGUN!*

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

ANYONE CAN TREK UP MT. OMINOUS FOR A MERE TREE! I DO IT TO SAVOR THE *TERROR!*

HUH? *WHAT TERROR?!*

THE *REAL FUN* IS LASHING A TREE TO THE SLED...

...AND *RIDING* THE WHOLE SHEBANG DOWN THE *PERILOUS SLOPES OF MT. OMINOUS!*

YOU'RE *CRAZY!* YOU'LL NEVER *SURVIVE* THE DESCENT!

I DO IT *EVERY YEAR!* IT'S *TRADITION!*

THE WHOLE TOWN'S WAITING ANXIOUSLY FOR MY *RETURN!*

THEY DO IT EVERY CHRISTMAS EVE, TOO!

AHA! PERCHED ON THE *BRINK* OF MT. OMINOUS...

...THE RUNT'S *BEGGING* TO EXPERIENCE LIFE TO THE FULLEST IN AN *UNCONTROLLED* DESCENT!

AND I'M HERE TO *HELP!*

BON VOYAGE, PAL!

MAYBE *YOU'LL* SURVIVE, BUT HOPEFULLY, YOUR *TREE WON'T!*

SPROY!

HAR! *EASIEST MONEY* I'VE EVER MADE!

YOICKS!

WHAT SORT OF *DEVILMENT* IS THIS?!

HELP! HAVE *MERCY* ON A POOR VAGRANT SOUL!

WHAT'S WRONG, MISTER? DON'T LIKE PLAYING *CABOOSE?*

WHOA! PUT THE *BRAKES* ON THIS RIG! I WANT *OFF!*

WHIP!

KA-RUMP!

=OOF!=

WELCOME ABROAD!

JUST SIT BACK AND *ENJOY THE RIDE!*

GREAT GALLOPING GIRDLES! WE'RE WHIZZING TO OUR *DOOM!*

RELAX, CHUMP! WE'RE COMING UP TO THE *BEST* MT. OMINOUS HAS TO OFFER!

AND THAT WOULD BE *SMACKING* US INTO A *TREE* AND *REARRANGING* US INTO *PRETZELS?*

NAH...

HELP! MURDER! =*ARRGH!*=

...THIS!

THWACK!

WHUMP!

AAAAH!

=*MMFF!* OW! YOW! OOF!=

GRUWTCH!

POW!

SPLUT!

A WHIZZING SLED AND TERRIFIED YELLS DISTURB THE QUIET OF MT. OMINOUS...

=OW! OOF! OUCH! YOW!=

...BUT THE VOLUME IS REALLY TURNED UP BY THE EXCITED CHEERS AND APPLAUSE OF THE EXPECTANT TOWNSFOLK!

WHOOSH!

AND AS THE DUST SETTLES -

HA! I KNEW IT! YOUR PRECIOUS TREE DIDN'T SURVIVE THE RIDE!

NOW YOU HAVE TO BUY MY LAST ARTIFICIAL TREE!

NOPE! I'VE GOT A BETTER IDEA!

HOWDY, BOYS! HAVING A LITTLE FUN WITH CITY PROPERTY, I SEE!

SO WHO'S GOING TO PAY FOR THE BUSTED TRAFFIC LIGHT, HMM?

PAY? I'M WITHOUT A DIME TO MY NAME UNTIL THIS BLASTED TREE IS SOLD!

MAY I OFFER A SUGGESTION FOR HIS HALF OF THE DAMAGES?

THUS –

EVERYONE APPRECIATES MICKEY'S FAVORITE CHRISTMAS EVE TRADITION...

...AND WITH THEIR EXPECTATIONS FULFILLED, THE COMFORTS OF COZY FIRES AND FINE FEASTS ARE SOON ENJOYED BY ALL –

EXCEPT FOR –

EVERYTHING WAS *PEACHES* UNTIL THAT RUGRAT RUINED *MY* FONDEST CHRISTMAS EVE TRADITION – *PROFIT!*

BEEP!

CLICK!

YET- MY LIPS CURL IN SATISFACTION THAT I POSSESS THE *FINEST* ARTIFICIAL TREE IN TOWN...

...EVEN IF IT IS BEING USED AS A *TRAFFIC LIGHT!*

AND SO –

A MIGHTY *SPLENDID* TREE, MICKEY!

THANKS, HORACE! THE *WAY* IN WHICH I ACQUIRED THIS YEAR'S TREE WILL MAKE A FINE *ADDITION* TO MY TRADITION!

OH, MICKEY! WHAT YOU WON'T *DO* TO *UPHOLD TRADITION!*

The End

Walt Disney's BIG BAD WOLF

SO BAD HE'S GOOD

DOIN' **HOMEWORK** AGIN! **BAH!** WHAT'S GONNA **BECOME** OF YA, SON? CAN'T YA FOLLOW YER OL' MAN'S EXAMPLE FER ONCE?

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THOSE BAD WOLF INSTINCTS **MUST** BE LURKIN' IN YA SOMEPLACE!

HERE! HAVE A SLICE O' PIE!

GEE! **THANKS,** POP!

NO! AIN'T I TAUGHT YA NOTHIN'? **ALWAYS TAKE** TH' **BIGGEST SLICE!** LEARN TA BE **SELFISH,** BOY!

B-BUT IF I TOOK THE BIG SLICE, **YOU'D** HAVE THE **LITTLE** SLICE! YOU'D GET **MAD...**

WHO **CARES** IF I GIT MAD? **IGNORE** ME! GIT **MAD BACK!** BAD WOLVES IS **S'POSED** TA DEFY FOLKS!

I WON'T DO IT, POP!

OH! YA **WON'T,** EH? SO I GOTTA **FORCE** YA INTO BEIN' BAD!

GO DO SOMETHIN' ROTTEN BY LUNCHTIME... OR I **WON'T** LET YA VISIT GRAN'MAW FRIDAY! IT'S **THAT SIMPLE!**

...AND I *SO* WANTED TO VISIT GRANDMA, TOO!

BUT I *CAN'T* STEAL MISSUS BOB-WHITE'S EGGS...

...OR RAID FARMER BROWN'S CHICKEN COOP! IT'S BAD ENOUGH THAT *POP* DOES IT!

HOLD THE PHONE! I'VE GOT AN *IDEA!*

POP HAS TO CALL *THIS* A BAD DEED... OR I DON'T KNOW MY VILLAINS!

LUCKY FOR ME HE'S NEVER FOUND MY *SECRET VAULT...*

...THE ONE PLACE I CAN SAVE MONEY WITHOUT HIM MOOCHING ANY!

POP! *POP!* I'VE *DONE SOMETHING ROTTEN!*

I *SWIPED* A BAG OF *SWAG,* POP!

NO!

HOT ZIGGETY! SON, THIS IS TH' GREATEST DAY SINCE EVER! WHO'D YA ROB, HUH? WHO?

SMEK!

WHO DID I ROB? →GULP!← WHY, I— I...

OUT WITH IT!

I R-R-ROBBED... THE PIGS! OF COURSE! YEAH! RIGHT!

TH' PIGS! YER PALS! THAT MAKES IT EVEN BETTER!

FOR YER PIGGY-BANK, SON!

...AN' DON'T THAT BRING A TENDER, JUICY, SUBTLY DISTURBIN' IDEA TO MIND!

ERGO...

IF YA KIN ROB TH' PIGS, YA KIN CATCH AN' COOK TH' PIGS! IT'S A DAY THAT'LL LIVE IN INFAMY!

I-I DIDN'T SAY—

TUT, TUT! PLUNDERIN' YER BUDDIES PROVES YER CAPABLE OF TH' WORST! UNITED WE STEW, LI'L WOLF!

BUT POP...

BUT FIRST GO AN' SNITCH A BAG O' BRER BEAR'S APPLES! ROAST PORK WITH APPLE-SAUCE... →SLURP!←

OH, ME! OH, MY!

FOOL POP ONCE, SHAME ON ME! FOOL POP TWICE... CAN I?

FER SALE

BRER BEAR WILL BE HERE TO CHASE US ANY *SECOND*...

FER SALE

WAIT A MINUTE! NOT IF I *DON'T STEAL* ANYTHING! I'LL *PAY* BY LEAVING HIM THAT SILVER DOLLAR POP GAVE ME!

GOTCHA, BRER WOLF! UH... BRER WOLF?

HOLD IT, BRER WOLF! YOU S'POSED TER WEAR *BLUE!* AN' WASN'T YOU *BIGGER* BEFO'?

FUNNY STORY, BRER BEAR...

ONE QUICK GAME OF CATCH-UP LATER!

HEE! *NOW* I GIT IT!

...CAUSE POP WON'T LET ME VISIT GRANDMA OTHERWISE!

GLAD TER HELP, LI'L WOLF! AN' TER MAKE *SURE* HE'S IMPRESSED...

WHAT'LL YOU DO, BRER BEAR?

LOOK! THE APPLES *AND* A *WAGON* FOR SPEED! I'M *POETRY* IN MOTION!

FROM BAD TO *VERSE!* IT'S *TWO* TIMES TH' CRIME!

HEY! COME *BACK* HERE, YOU... *YOU*, YOU!

EEK! RUN FOR IT!

CLOSE CALL, POP? ENOUGH *BADNESS* FOR TODAY?

OH, NO YA DON'T! PIGWARD HO!

BUT POP! I'VE... UH, ***STOLEN*** SO ***MUCH!*** CAN MY ROGUE NATURE ***STILL*** BE IN DOUBT?

WHEN IT COMES TO ***PORK***... =HM!= THEY AIN'T HOME!

SO ***WE*** CAN ***GO*** HOME! RIGHT?

WRONG! OUT ***STROLLIN'***... ***UN-PROTECTED!***

WHILLIKERS!

PERTEND TH' APPLES IS STILL INSIDE...

...THEN WHEN TH' PIGS GIT NEAR, GIMME TH' ***ATTACK SIGNAL!***

=SHH!= THIS IS ***IT!*** I'M ***SORRY,*** BOYS. BUT ***FAKED*** BAD DEEDS JUST AREN'T ***ENOUGH*** FOR HIM—

ATTAAACK!

SPLUG!

OW!

→TEE-HEE!← KEEN, ISN'T IT, POP... HAVING A *REALLY BAD* SON?

CUT IT *OUT!* I AIN'T DONE NOTHIN' TO DESERVE— *YEEOW!*

→HM!← ROAST WOLF WITH APPLE-SAUCE?

HALP!

RUMBLE!

HEEE-AALP!

BADOOM!

...SO IF *IGNORING* YOU AND *DEFYING* YOU MAKES ME *BAD*, THEN MY USUAL GOOD DEEDS ARE BAD DEEDS TOO! AND I'M THE LI'L BAD WOLF YOU ALWAYS WANTED!

BAH!

The End

WALT DISNEY'S

DONALD DUCK in ALL WORK AND NO CHRISTMAS

PART ONE

CHRISTMAS IS FAST APPROACHING AT THE DUCK HOUSEHOLD...
WHAT'RE YOU KIDS DOING? MAKING OUT YOUR LIST TO SANTA?
NO UNCA DONALD, WE'RE MAKING UP A NEW COMPUTER GAME!
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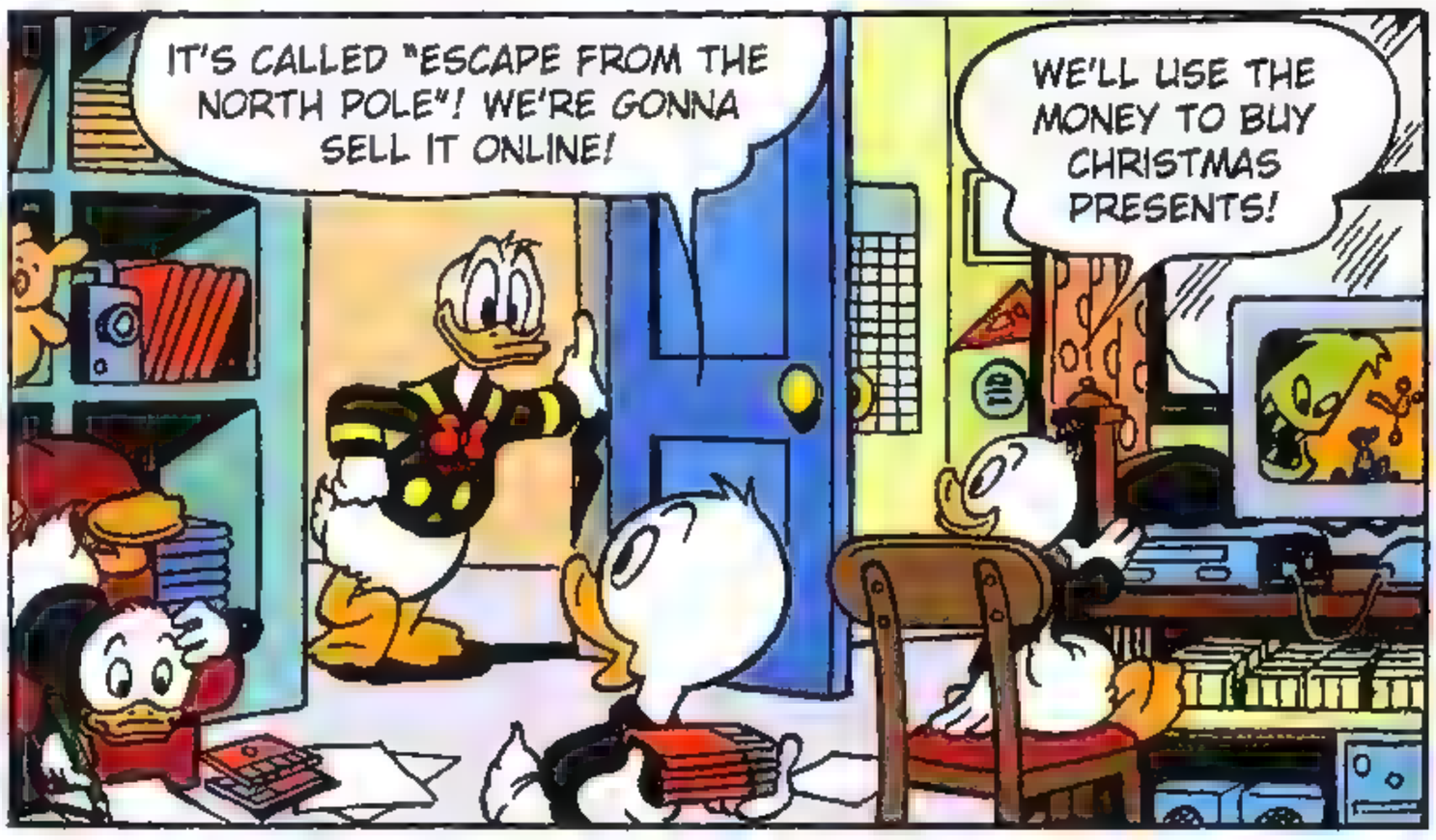

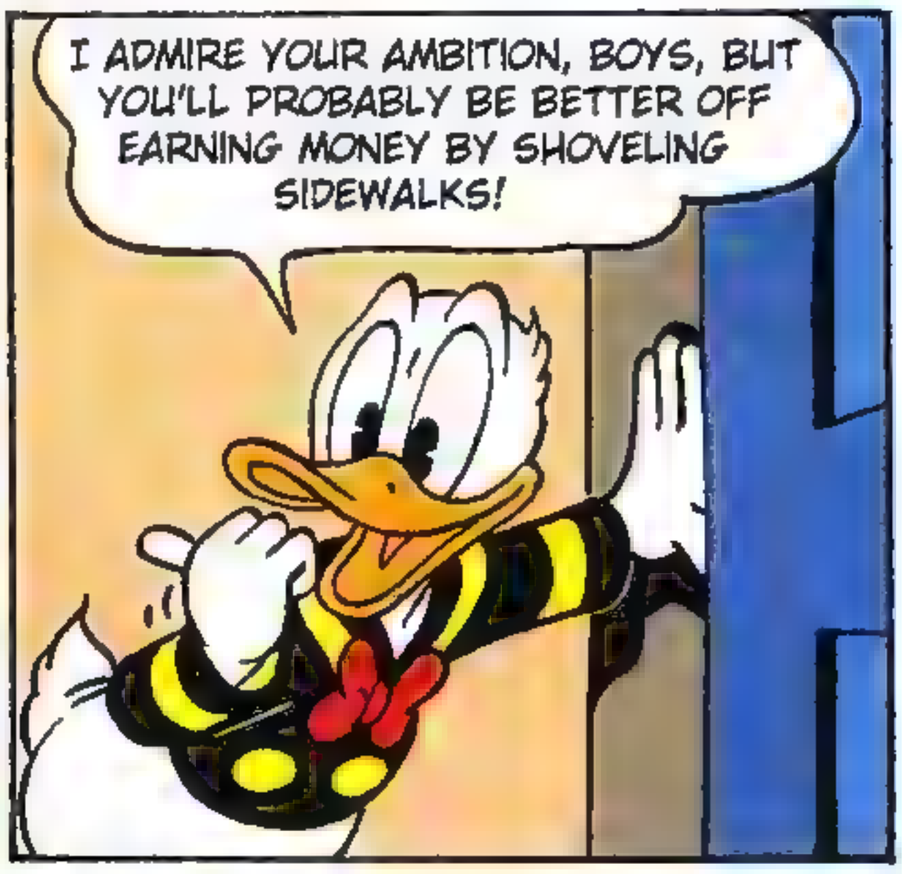

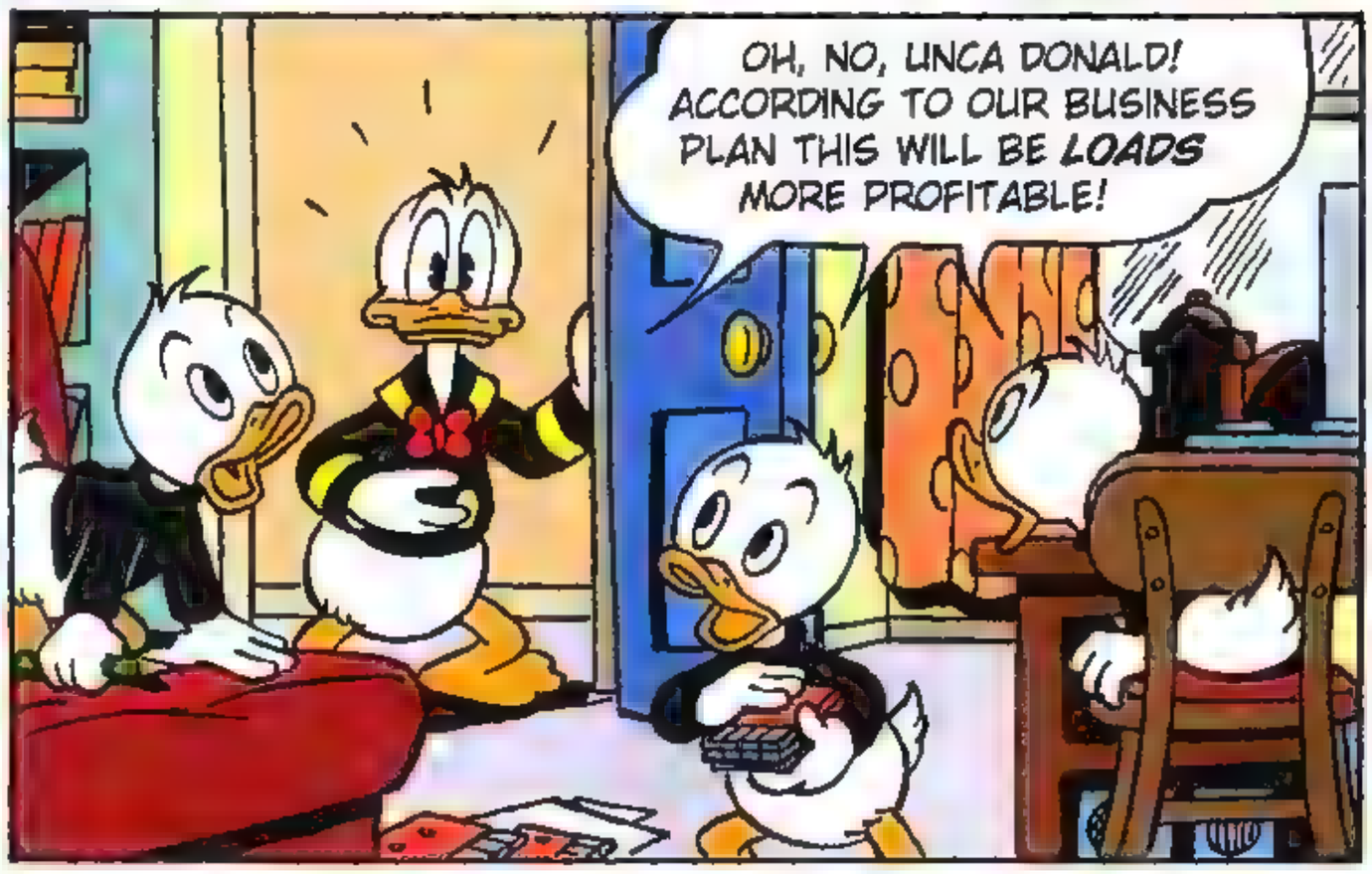

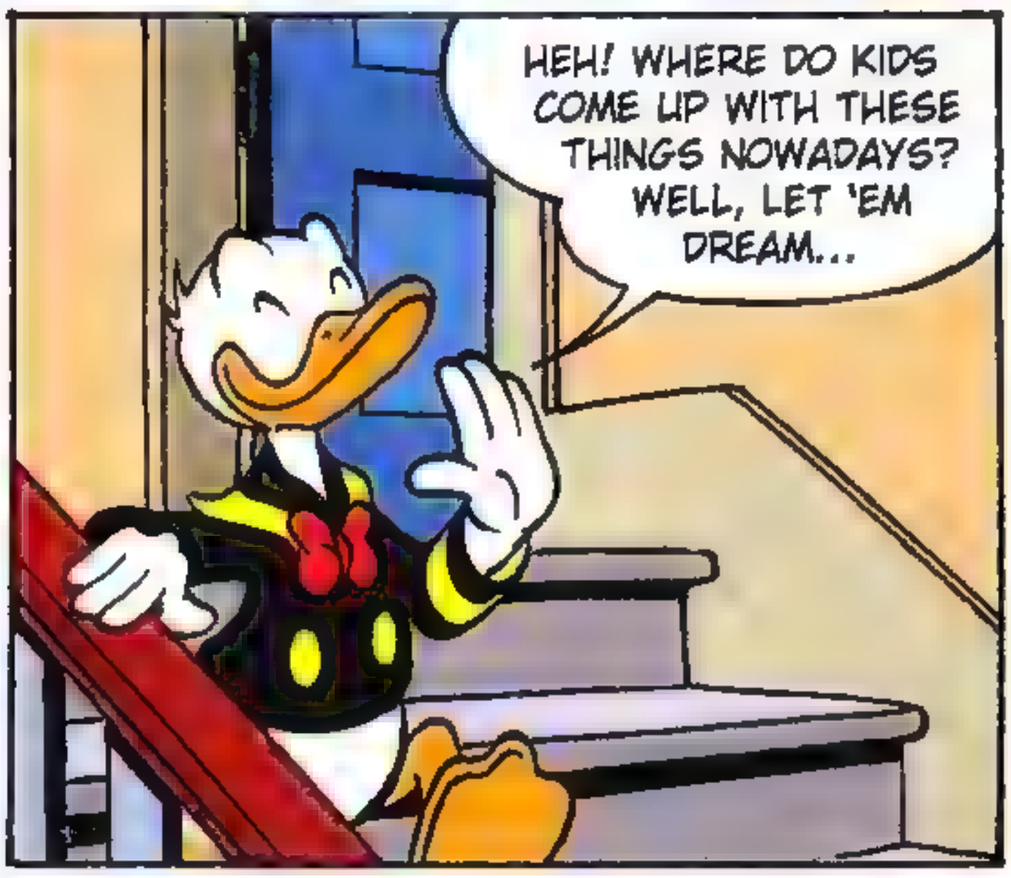

NEVER UNDERESTIMATE YOUNG AMBITION, DONALD! LATER...

HEY, I'LL PAY YOU KIDS FIVE BUCKS TO HELP ME SHOVEL THIS SNOW! MY BACK'S KILLIN' ME!

NO CAN DO, UNCA DONALD! SORRY...

...WE HAVE TO SHIP OUT THE FIRST ORDERS FOR OUR GAME!

AS THE DAYS PASS, DONALD FINDS GETTING HELPERS DIFFICULT...

COME ON GUYS! I COULD REALLY USE SOME HELP! I'LL **DOUBLE** MY LAST OFFER!

SORRY UNCA DONALD, WE CAN'T!

WE DON'T HAVE TIME TO DO ANYTHING BUT FILL ORDERS!

AND AS THE COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS CONTINUES...

COME HELP ME WITH THESE CHRISTMAS CARDS, BOYS! I HAVE TO GET THEM OUT TODAY!

THIS IS A CHORE YOU ALWAYS **ENJOYED** DOING!

WE'D LOVE TO BUT WE'RE WAY TOO BUSY! EVERYONE WANTS THIS GAME FOR CHRISTMAS!

DO YOU MEAN TO TELL ME YOU'RE SELLING **TRUCKS FULL** OF THAT CRAZY GAME?

GOOD GRIEF! YOU **ARE!** YOU KIDS ARE GENIUSES! YOU MUST BE MAKING MONEY HAND OVER FIST!

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THAT'S WHAT WE'VE BEEN TRYING TO TELL YOU! OUR BUSINESS IS **BOOMING!**

NICE WORK, YOU LITTLE BRAINIACS! I HAVE TO ADMIT I'M IMPRESSED! I'M SORRY I EVER DOUBTED YOU!

THAT'S OKAY UNCA DONALD! WE'RE A LITTLE SURPRISED TOO!

WELL, YOU BOYS GET ON WITH YOUR BUSINESS! I'VE GOT SOME... ER... IMPORTANT *THINKING* TO DO!

ONE HOUR LATER...

...A PLASMA TV... AN MP3 PLAYER WITH A MEGA SPEAKER SYSTEM...

...A NEW WADILLAC V-12 AND A YEAR'S WORTH OF GASOLINE... A SOLID GOLD FISHING POLE... A SET OF PLATINUM-PLATED GOLF CLUBS... AND, LET'S SEE... 365 CANDY BARS!

HEY KIDS! SINCE YOU'RE MAKING ALL THIS MOOLAH SO YOU CAN BUY CHRISTMAS PRESENTS, I THOUGHT YOU'D LIKE TO SEE MY LIST...

LOUIE, WE NEED TO MAKE UP *FIFTY* MORE UNITS!

NO PROBLEM, HUEY! THESE HAVE TO BE EXPRESSED TO LOWER SLOBBOVIA!

CHECK! I'LL SCHEDULE A PICK UP!

ER... KIDS...?

FIRST ON MY LIST IS... OH, NEVER MIND... I'LL TALK TO YOU LATER!

AND SO, LATER THAT DAY...

AND NOW IT'S TIME FOR OUR HOLIDAY SPECIAL, "SANTA GOES MOD," STARRING JUSTLAKE TIMBERDUCK!

HOO-HAH! THE KIDS HAVE BEEN WAITING ALL YEAR FOR THIS!

BUT COME TO THINK OF IT, THEY'RE PROBABLY TOO BUSY TO WATCH IT! THESE DAYS, IT SEEMS THEY'RE TOO BUSY...

"...FOR JUST ABOUT *EVERYTHING!*"

DUCKBURG SCHOOL

Pageant practice today

WHERE ARE MY THREE WISE MEN? WE CAN'T START REHEARSAL OF THE SCHOOL PLAY WITHOUT THEM!

HAVEN'T YOU HEARD? HUEY, DEWEY AND LOUIE DROPPED OUT OF DRAMA CLASS!

HUH? THEY DID?

IMPORTANT GAME AGAINST BUGTOWN TOMORROW! TIME FOR PRACTICE! WHERE ARE HUEY, DEWEY AND LOUIE?

HAVEN'T YOU HEARD, COACH? THEY QUIT THE TEAM!

HUH? THEY DID?

AND NOW FOR OUR REPORT ON GROWING TROPICAL PLANTS IN ANTARCTICA, HUEY, DEWEY AND LOUIE...

HAVEN'T YOU HEARD, GREAT B.A.N.A.N.A.R.A.M.A.?* THEY'VE *LEFT* THE JUNIOR WOODCHUCKS!

*YOU FIGURE IT OUT — ED.

GREAT SCOTT!

EARLY THE FOLLOWING DAY...

AH, DONALD! I NEED TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT THE BOYS...

I'M DOING MY CHRISTMAS SHOPPING AND I WONDER IF YOU HAVE ANY IDEA WHAT THEY'D LIKE TO GET THIS YEAR?

I'VE BARELY SPOKEN TO THEM IN A WEEK! BUT HERE THEY COME, ASK THEM...

YES, DOCTOR, WE CERTAINLY *CAN* SHIP TO LATVERIA!

YOOHOO! BOYS...?

SORRY, MS. PUREBRED, WE HAVE A POLICY AGAINST GIVING INTERVIEWS!

NO, MR. BIM! HDL, INC. HAS NO INTEREST IN A MERGER!

OH, BOYS...? I NEED TO ASK YOU AN IMPORTANT QUESTION...

SAVE YOUR BREATH, DAISY!

THEY'RE TOO BUSY FOR MERE MORTALS LIKE US! THEY'RE JUST INTERESTED IN *PROFITS!*

AND WHAT'S WRONG WITH *THAT,* NEPHEW?

HMPH! I MIGHT HAVE GUESSED YOU'D BE ON *THEIR* SIDE! THERE ARE THINGS MORE IMPORTANT THAN PROFITS, YOU KNOW!

MORE IMPORTANT? BAH! LIKE *WHAT* FOR INSTANCE?

LIKE PEACE AND LOVE AND HARMONY AND *GLOBAL WARMING* YOU OLD SKINFLINT!

BOYS! BOYS! SHAME ON THE BOTH OF YOU!

FIGHTING AT CHRISTMASTIME! I'M ASHAMED OF YOU!

=GULP!= I'M SORRY GRANDMA!

BUT HUEY, DEWEY AND LOUIE JUST AREN'T THEMSELVES ANYMORE! I DON'T KNOW *WHAT* TO DO!

THERE THERE, DEAR... EVERYTHING WORKS OUT FOR THE BEST! *WE'LL* THINK OF SOMETHING!

MAYBE WE CAN SIT THEM DOWN AND TALK TO THEM, DONALD...

LEAVE THEM ALONE, I SAY! THEY'RE THE FIRST ONES I'VE SEEN IN MY FAMILY WILLING TO MAKE THEIR OWN WAY!

UNCA SCROOGE, MAY WE HAVE A WORD WITH YOU?

WE'VE RUN OUT OF ROOM FOR ALL THE CASH WE'VE MADE!

WE'D LIKE TO KEEP SOME OF IT IN YOUR MONEY BIN! IS THERE ROOM?

I CAN *MAKE* ROOM... FOR THE RIGHT PRICE!

OF COURSE! SHALL WE MEET IN YOUR OFFICE IN AN HOUR TO DISCUSS TERMS?

IT WILL BE MY PLEASURE!

ONE SIDE, SONNY! I HAVE A FEW MATTERS TO DISCUSS WITH *MY* GRANDNEPHEWS!

=OOF!=

SO WHAT DO SAY BOYS? IT'S TIME FOR YOUR YEARLY VISIT TO MY FARM! THERE ARE PIES TO BE BAKED... AND ***EATEN!***

SORRY, BUT ***NO,*** GRANDMA!

WE'RE MUCH TOO BUSY MAINTAINING OUR COMPUTER GAME EMPIRE TO VISIT THE FARM THIS YEAR!

DID YOU HEAR THAT? THEY'RE ***TOO BUSY*** FOR GRANDMA, ***OR FOR CHRISTMAS,*** THIS YEAR! ***NOW*** ARE YOU HAPPY?

ER... UH...

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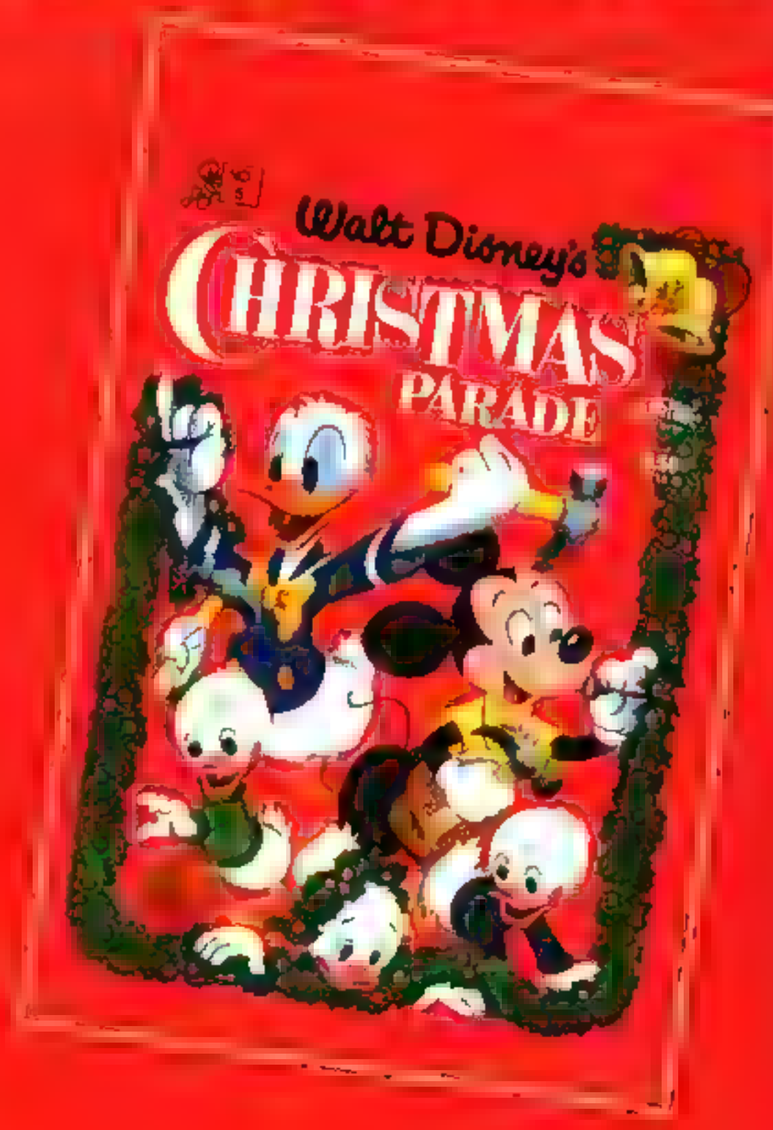

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Brer Rabbit

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WHERE'S YOUR CHRISTMAS SPIRIT, BEAR? PEACE ON EARTH... GOOD WILL TO MEN, MAN!
B-BUT I'M GO–
AN' IF YA AIN'T GOOD... NO PRESENTS FROM SANTA! TOO BAD!

YORE REALLY *YOU!* DOES I GET A *PRESENT?*

ER... I...

WAL?

IF MY MAW WOULDN'T KNOW ME, IT'S A *CINCH* BRER GENIUS ALSO GIT FOOLED!

WAIT YOUR TURN, BEAR! PRIORITY MAIL GO FIRST!

HOKAY! I'LL *WAIT!*

TILL TH' SEAS DRY UP... BUT DAT AIN'T MY FUNERAL!

BRER RABBI

HO HO-DE-HO! MERRY CRISPNESS, RABBIT!

WOW! WHAT I GET?

LOOK! 'S DEEP INSIDE–

YUM! A *CARROT!*

I'S REFERRIN' TO *YOU,* LONG-EARS!

SLAM!

GULP!

I'M A DUMB DODO! HOW'LL I EVER SAVE MYSELF...

READY *NOW,* BRER SANTA?

AW, NOT *AGIN!*

SORRY, BEAR! OUTTA GIFTS! MEBBE NEXT YEAR–

BU-BUT TH' *CUSTOM!*

I *BEEN GOOD!* AN' YOU *STILL* GOT DAT BOX!

WORK, BRAINS! WORK!

OH, DIS? IT'S F' BRER FOX!

AHEH, WHUT'S HE DESERVE DAT *I DON'T?*

TOO MUCH! *HIS* GOODNESS LEAVE YOURS IN TH' SHADE!

OL' FOX AIN'T *HALF* GOOD!

DIDN'T WORK!

EASY, NOW!

WHUT'S... HE DESERVE... DAT I DON'T?

OOF!

SPLAT!

BRER RABBIT?!

NO!

FREE!

SACRIFLEECIN' BRER RABBIT TA BRER FOX! *SANTA LOSIN'* HIS *GOOD WILL TO MEN!* I BEEN *BEETRAYED!*

ROWR!

LOOK HERE, FATSO! I– *HALP!*

THANKEE FOR TH' CARROT, SANTA!

END

'SNOW' USE!

SEE ME SURPRISE MINNIE!

I'LL SURPRISE MICKEY!

U MMA 2 B12

I'LL HIDE ON THIS PORCH

AH! THERE HE IS!

YAH! MISSED ME!

TING TING

GERROUT!

The End

Walt Disney's

Donald Duck

in

ALL WORK AND NO CHRISTMAS

PART TWO

DONALD'S NEPHEWS ARE ENTREPRENEURS AND THEIR COMPUTER GAME BUSINESS IS EARNING THEM A BUNDLE! BUT NOT EVERYONE IS HAPPY... LIKE DONALD, FOR INSTANCE...

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I'M SORRY, MR. DUCK, YOUR NEPHEWS ARE STILL IN A MEETING!

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BUT I HAVEN'T SEEN THEM IN A LONG TIME! AND THEY HAVE A MILLION CHORES TO DO AROUND THE HOUSE!

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OH, DEAR! THEY CAN'T BE BOTHERED BY *CHORES!* HERE'S A CHECK! HIRE SOMEONE ELSE!

YOWEE! FOR THIS KIND OF DOUGH I'LL QUIT MY JOB AT THE SKUNK OIL FACTORY AND DO THE CHORES *MYSELF!*

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AW... NEVER MIND! WHAT I REALLY WANT IS MY NEPHEWS BACK, NOT THREE PINT-SIZED UNCLE SCROOGES! YOU CAN KEEP THIS FILTHY LUCRE!

SLAP!

=SIGH!= CHRISTMAS IS GOING TO BE AWFULLY LONELY THIS YEAR!

HEY! A BIG OL' CHRISTMAS TREE *ALWAYS* CHEERS ME UP!

TREES 4 SALE

=SIGH!=

OH, WHAT'S THE POINT? IT WOULD BE NO FUN DECORATING IT BY MYSELF!

HM... IT'S STARTING TO SNOW AGAIN! NICE AND WET... PERFECT FOR MAKING A SNOWMAN!

AND THE KIDS *LOVE* TO MAKE SNOWMEN! I THINK I'VE JUST COME UP WITH A GREAT PLAN!

OPERATOR? I'D LIKE TO PLACE A CONFERENCE CALL TO THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE...

A FEW MINUTES LATER...

SO THAT'S MY IDEA, EVERYONE! WHAT DO YOU THINK? CAN YOU HELP ME OUT?

YOU BET!

THAT'S SWELL! MEET ME OUTSIDE OF COOT TOWER AS SOON AS YOU CAN GET THERE! AND DRESS WARM!

SOON...

THINK, MEN!

"ESCAPE FROM THE NORTH POLE" IS ALREADY OBSOLETE!

WE NEED A ***NEW*** GAME! HOW ABOUT "ESCAPE FROM UTICA"?

IT'S BEEN ***DONE!*** WE NEED SOMETHING FRESH OR WE'LL HAVE TO SHUT DOWN!

PLONK!

HUH? WHAT WAS ***THAT?***

A SNOWBALL HITTING THE WINDOW, I'D SAY!

LOOK! IT'S UNCA DONALD, DAISY, AND EVERYONE ELSE! WHAT ARE THEY DOING?

PLAYING IN THE SNOW!

IT SURE LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE HAVING *FUN!*

BUT WE HAVE NO TIME FOR FUN! WE HAVE TO *THINK!*

THAT'S RIGHT! -SIGH!-

FINALLY, THE NEPHEWS CAN STAND NO MORE...

UNCA DONALD! WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH ALL THAT SNOW?

MAKE THE *WORLD'S BIGGEST SNOWMAN!* WANT TO HELP?

WE... WE SHOULD WORK ON OUR NEXT PROJECT...

WELL, I UNDERSTAND WORK IS MORE IMPORTANT TO YOU... BUT MAYBE YOU COULD TAKE A *SHORT BREAK...?*

ARE YOU BUILDING A GIANT SNOWMAN?

I HEARD YOU WERE, SO I BROUGHT THIS!

THANKS UNCLE SCROOGE! BUT... WHY AREN'T *YOU* WORKING?

EVERYONE NEEDS SOME BREAK TIME ONCE IN A WHILE! I THOUGHT I'D GET IN ON THE FUN!

I FOUND THIS ENORMOUS TOP HAT IN ONE OF MY WAREHOUSES!

THAT'S PERFECT! WE'LL SET A WORLD RECORD WITH THIS SNOWMAN!

ONLY IF WE ACTUALLY FINISH IT! COME ON EVERYONE LET'S GET BACK TO WORK!

IF UNCA SCROOGE IS IN, *WE'RE* IN TOO! WHAT DO WE DO?

GYRO IS JUST GETTING BACK WITH AN IMPORTANT COMPONENT! HELP HIM!

THANKS, BOYS! I FIGURED THE WORLD'S LARGEST SNOWMAN NEEDED THE WORLD'S BIGGEST CARROT FOR A NOSE, SO I ENLARGED ONE IN MY LAB!

AFTER MANY HOURS OF FUN...

GREAT JOB, EVERYBODY! THIS IS THE BEST-LOOKING SNOWMAN EVER! NOW FOR THE FINISHING TOUCHES...

HUEY? DEWEY? LOUIE? HOW ABOUT IT? DO YOU WANT TO TAKE CHARGE?

OBOY! DO WE EVER!

HOLD 'ER STEADY, GYRO! TWO BOWLING BALLS FOR EYES!

NOW FOR THE GIANT CARROT!

AND FINALLY, THE SCARF AND TOP HAT!

AND IT'S DONE! GATHER AROUND FOLKS! MAY I PRESENT...

...THE BIGGEST SNOWMAN THE WORLD HAS EVER SEEN!

IT'S FOURTEEN CENTIMETERS LARGER THAN THE PREVIOUS RECORD HOLDER! I JUST CHECKED!

HE'S BEAUTIFUL!

MAN! HE'S AWESOME!

THIS HAS BEEN GREAT FUN!

YES, THAT ***WAS*** FUN! BUT SHOULDN'T YOU FELLAS BE GETTING BACK TO YOUR BUSINESS NOW? UNCLE SCROOGE IS!

AW... WE'RE TOO YOUNG TO SPEND OUR WHOLE TIME WORKING! LET'S GO BUY A CHRISTMAS TREE!

WHATEVER YOU SAY! I KNOW WHERE THERE ARE SOME SWELL TREES!

AND SO, A LITTLE WHILE LATER...

WELL, WE SOLD OUR COMPANY TO UNCLE SCROOGE! LET'S DECORATE!

GOOD, KIDS, BUT I'M LOOKING AT THIS CHRISTMAS LIST YOU GAVE ME...

...IT'LL COST A FORTUNE! THINK YOU COULD GIVE ME A LOAN OUT OF YOUR PROFITS?

SORRY, UNCA DONALD, TODAY TAUGHT US KIDS DON'T ***NEED*** PROFITS JUST ***FUN!***

SO WE DONATED ALL THE MONEY WE MADE TO THE JUNIOR WOODCHUCKS CHARITY DRIVE!

REALLY? =*CHOKE!*= I'M PROUD OF YOU!

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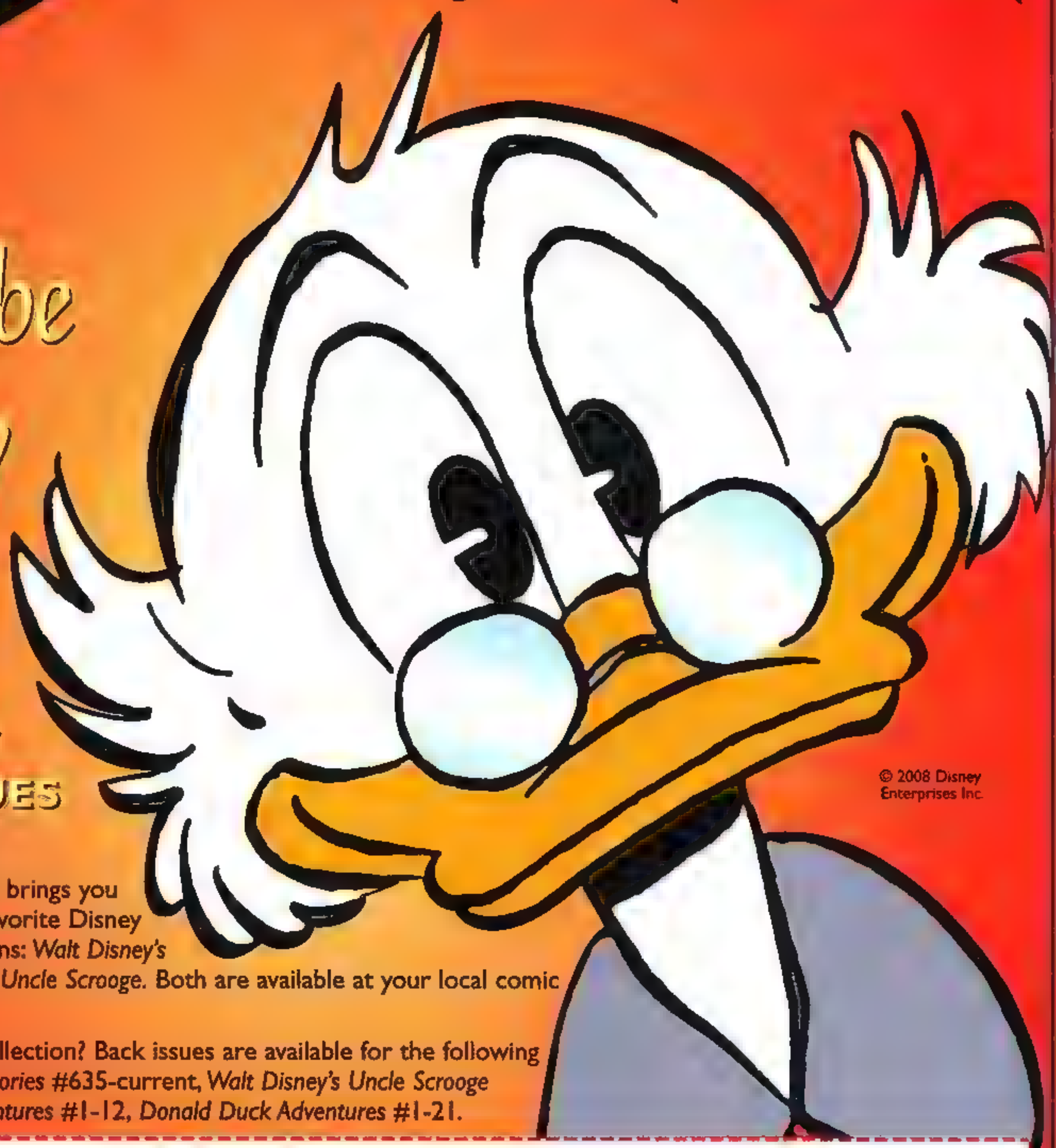

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GOOFY in CABIN FEVER

MICKEY AND GOOFY ENJOY A WINTER HIKING HOLIDAY! THE RECENT SNOWFALL IN DONUT PASS MAKES FOR A SPECTACULAR VIEW...

GAWRSH, MICKEY! THUH SNOW REMINDS ME OF *ICE CREAM!* :HYUCK!: IT MAKES ME WANNA *SING!*

THE HILLS ARE ALIVE! BUT *YODELING* SEEMS MORE APPROPRIATE... FOR *ECHO* PURPOSES!

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I'M NOT WEARIN' MUH LEDERHOSEN, BUT I'LL GIVE IT A SHOT!

YODEL-AY-HEE-HOO!

AY-HEE-HOO!

GREAT, GOOFY! NOW LISTEN AND LEARN!

YODEL-AY-HEEE-HOOO!

...AY-HEE

:CRACK!:

UH, MICK, I'M *LEARNIN'* THUH *SNOW* DON'T *LIKE* YODELIN'!

GASP!

A CABIN! *RUN!* WE JUST MIGHT MAKE IT-

SLAM!

SWOOOSH!

WHEW! THAT WAS... EXCITING!

EXCITIN'?! YUH MEAN NERVE-WRACKIN'!

WE'RE SNOWED-IN... *TRAPPED!* THIS WALL O' SNOW COULD BE *FORTY* FEET THICK!

FORTY FEET! FORTY FEET!

DOWN, BOY! UGH! THAT'S TOO MUCH SNOW TO MOVE ON OUR OWN!

DON'T WORRY! WE'RE SURE TO BE RESCUED BY *CHRISTMAS!*

!

CHRISTMAS?! BUT WHAT IF WE *AIN'T?* HOW WILL *SANTA* EVER FIND US?!

I'M UNGH! C-C-CONFIDENT HE W-W-WILL!

BUCK UP, PAL! LIVE IN THE SOLUTION! ENJOY THE ADVENTURE! DON'T BE PLAGUED BY PANIC!

ENJOY THUH PLAGUE! GOT IT!

BUT WHUT ABOUT *FOOD?* WE'LL *STARVE!*

WE'VE GOT PLENTY OF RATIONS– YOU INSISTED WE BRING *TEN TIMES* WHAT WE NEEDED!

FRUIT BEANS

BUT WHAT ABOUT *WATER?!*

HMM!

BUT WHUT ABOUT–

BOREDOM?! HORACE LOANED US THIS *BOOK* AND DECK OF *CARDS* FOR THE TRIP!

BOP!

WELL, THEN! WHY WORRY? THAR'S *NOBODY* I'D RATHER BE HOLED UP WITH THAN *YOU*, MICK!

THANKS! YOU'RE MY BEST PAL, TOO, GOOFY!

HOURS LATER...

GIN! BEAT YUH *AGAIN!*

GLEEP!

CHIN UP, MICK! MAYBE YUH STILL HAVEN'T WON, BUT YUH GOT *WEEKS* TA KEEP *TRYIN'*!

:ERG!:

I THINK I'LL... TAKE A BREAK AND READ HORACE'S BOOK!

NO PROBLEM! THUH CARDS CAN ALSO GIVE ME *SOLO* ENTERTAINMENT!

"CALL ME SQUISH MYBEL! ON—"

:SNIFF! AH-AH-AH...

:WHEW!:

AH-AH-AH—

:WHEW!:

AH-CHOOOO!

NOOOOOOOO!

YER TOO *STRESSED*, MICK! LET'S JUST GIT IN OUR SLEEPIN' BAGS AN' *BOTH* READ HORACE'S BOOK!

THAT... COULD WORK!

"CALL ME SQUISH MYBEL! ON DECEMBER 15TH, I HIKED THROUGH DONUT PASS!" HEY, *WE'RE* IN DONUT PASS!

IT'S A REPRINT OF A FAMOUS MOUNTAINEER'S JOURNAL!

"THOUGH AN EXPERT WOODSMAN, I WAS FORCED BY THE ELEMENTS TO TAKE REFUGE IN A SMALL CABIN!" JUST LIKE *US*, MICK!

"AFTER A WHILE, MY RATIONS RAN LOW!" OURS ARE GETTIN' LOWER, TOO!

GULP!

fter some time, the deck of cards could no longer keep away my boredom. Fear of freezing sent me to my sleeping bag. Christmas' nearness alone drove me to ear-madness.

WE'RE DOIN' *ALL* THUH *SAME* THINGS SQUISH MYBEL DID!

IT'S TRUE! WE'RE SUFFERING *ALL* THE SAME WAYS!

WOW! WHAT A COOL *COINCIDENCE!*

COOL?!

BORED! STARVING! FREEZING! COOL?!

W-W-WELL, WHEN YUH P-PUT IT *THAT* W-WAY...

G'WAN, MICK! WHUT HAPPENED TA YER *CONFIDENCE?* TA BEIN' SURE WE'D GIT RESCUED?

WHO'S *SURE?* MY CONFIDENCE IS *GONE!* EVEN AN *EXPERT* LIKE MYBEL STARVED AND WENT BERSERK!

BUT *WE* GOT SOMETHIN' MYBEL *DIDN'T* HAVE... *EACH OTHER!*

PRETTY *WORDS*, GOOFY! BUT... BUT...

...BUT THE *TRUTH* IS, YOU HAVEN'T EVEN *STARTED* TO BE AS IRRITATING AS I *KNOW* YOU CAN BE, AND I *ALREADY* WANT TO–

IF YOU'RE THINKIN' OF KILLIN' AND EATIN' ME, THAT'LL BE ENOUGH HYSTERICS!

SPLATCH!

HYSTERICS, HUH? THAT COOLED ME OFF SO WELL...

...I JUST *HAFTA* SHARE THE REFRESHING *EXPERIENCE* WITH MY GOOD PAL!

SPLUNCH!

:HYUCK!: YUH FERGOT MUH *HEAD'S* MUH *LEAST* VULNERABLE SPOT!

SPLATCH!

YOU WANNA PIECE OF ME?!

I AIN'T THAT HUNGRY! BUT I *ENJOY* PELTIN' YUH WITH SNOWBALLS...

GOOFY, *LOOK!*

I'M NOT FALLIN' FER THAT OLD TRICK! *EN GARDE!*

LOOK, MICKEY! *SUNLIGHT!* THE SNOW FROM THE AVALANCHE MUSTA MELTED AWAY! AND... AND...

AND IT NEVER WAS MORE THAN...

...A *COUPLA FEET THICK* THUH WHOLE TIME...

AS EVENING SHADOWS FALL-

UH, MICKEY, MAYBE WE DON'T HAFTA TELL THE GANG BACK HOME ABOUT OUR PANICKIN' AND FIGHTIN'?!

-AHEM!- GOOD IDEA, GOOFY! LET'S JUST TELL 'EM THE FUN PARTS OF OUR TRIP... WHY *UPSET* 'EM DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON?

THE *END!*

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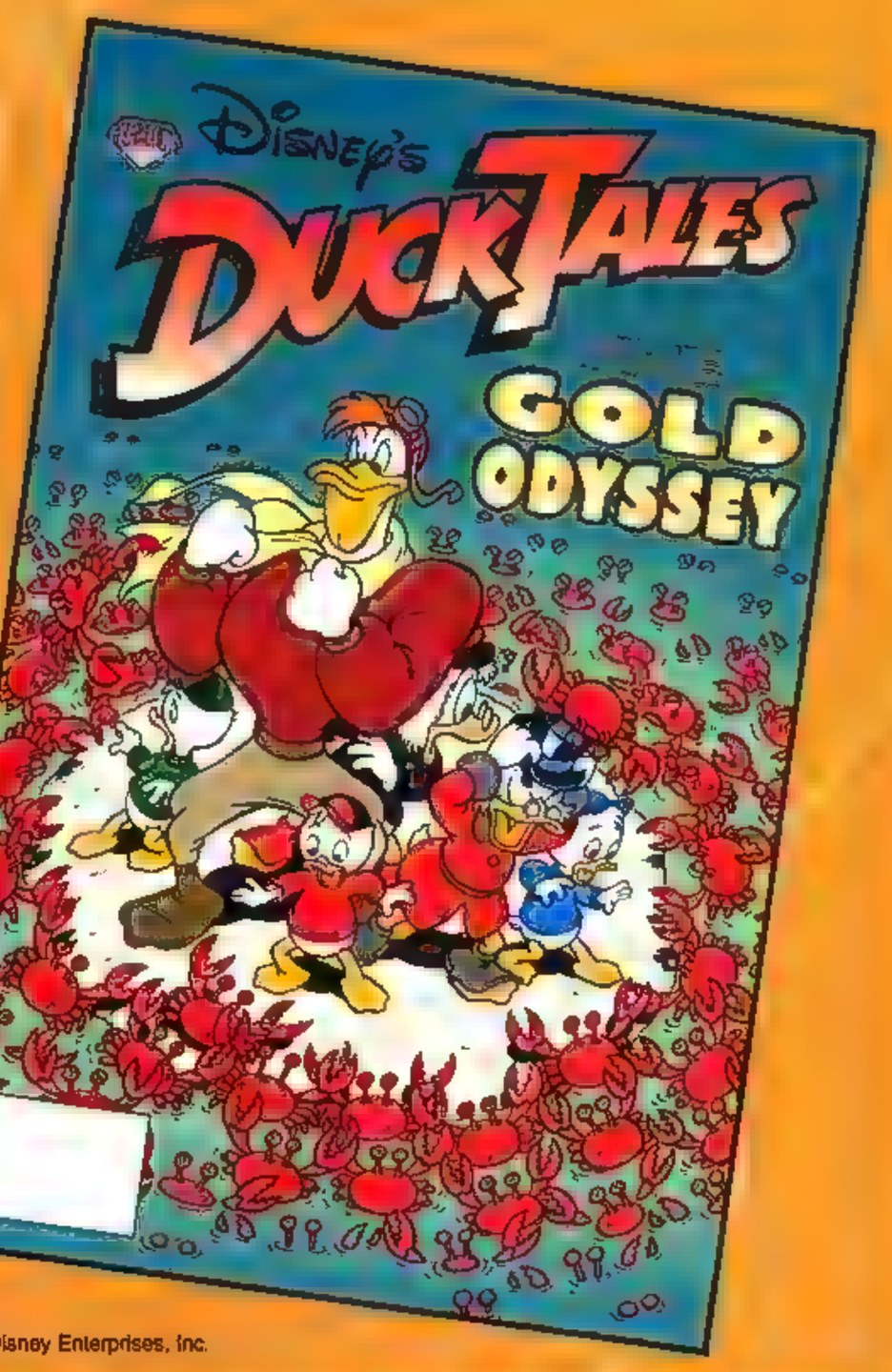

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DONALD DUCK in THE GREAT SWAP FLOP

SNOW... NATURE'S BEAUTIFUL BOONDOGGLE!

WHY, OH WHY *MUST* I LIVE IN A CITY WHERE THE *LAW DEMANDS* I KEEP MY SIDEWALK CLEAN? IT'S *INJUSTICE!* :SIGH!:

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BUT THERE'S *NO* ESCAPE! SHOVEL, PREPARE FOR *GRUNTWORK!* UNLESS–

BING!

:HMPH!: I *COULD* BE NEIGHBORLY! IT'S *ONLY* A TEN-MINUTE JOB... AND WE *CAN* ALWAYS GET A GOOD FIGHT IN LATER! BUT GYRO GEARLOOSE WILL HAVE MY BUSTED *TOASTER* FIXED TODAY! I'VE GOTTA GO PICK IT UP–

NEIGHBOR JONES! JUST THE LUG I WANTED TO SEE! SINCE WE'RE NOT *ACTIVELY* FEUDING THIS *EXACT* MINUTE, I WONDERED IF YOU COULD CLEAR *MY* SIDEWALK, TOO!

HOW ABOUT WE *SWAP*? I GLOM THE TOASTER WHILE *YOU* CLEAR MY WALK!

IT'S A *DEAL*, PAL!

THIS'LL END UP TAKING *TWENTY* MINUTES, BUT AT LEAST I WON'T HAVE ANY *SNOW* TO CLEAR!

GYRO GEARLOOSE

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SCREECH!

HIYA, GYRO! TAKE ME TO JONES' TOASTER!

SORRY, DONALD! I'VE BEEN TOO *BUSY* TO FIX IT JUST YET! AND CITY HALL JUST CALLED ME ABOUT SOME *URGENT* PROBLEM!

TOASTERS ARE URGENT FOR BREAD SLICES...

HEY! LET *ME* HANDLE CITY HALL'S CRISIS!

SAY *YES*! YOU *KNOW* MAYOR PORK IS A WORRYWART! HIS MESSES ARE *LITTLE* THINGS THAT *ANYONE* COULD FIX!

WELL, I *SUPPOSE* YOU'RE RIGHT!

MORE TIME SPENT, BUT–

WAK!

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CITY

YE CATBOATS! THIS IS *BAD!*

NO *KIDDING!* WE WERE USING GEARLOOSE'S *SUPER V CUUM* ON THE SNOW OVER THERE! THEN SOMETHING *SHORT-CIRCUITED!* WE KNOW *HE* CAN SET THINGS RIGHT, BUT–

OH, *MAN!* HOW AM *I* GONNA STOP THAT MONSTROSITY?

COUSIN GLADSTONE!

YOU'RE THE *LUCKIEST* GUY ON THE PLANET! I *NEED* YOU TO STOP THAT MACHINE FOR *ME!*

I UNDOUBTEDLY *COULD!* BUT WHY *WOULD* I?

ISN'T THERE *SOMETHING* YOU WANT? SOMETHING I CAN GET YOU IN RETURN?

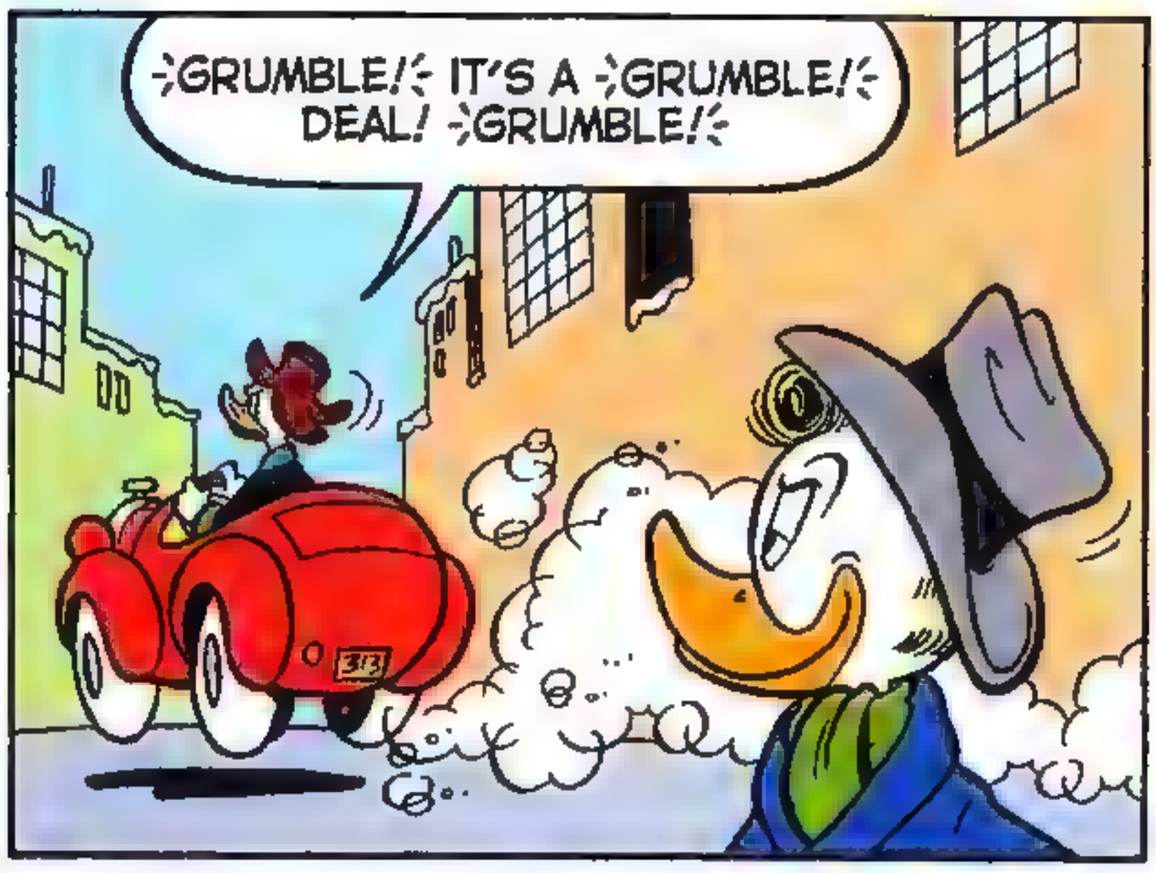
WHEN YOU PUT IT *THAT* WAY...

I KNOW WHAT! TWO TICKETS TO TONIGHT'S JUNIOR WOODCHUCK CHARITY BALL!

YOU'VE *GOTTA* BE KIDDING!

THOSE TICKETS ARE ONLY HANDED OUT TO *WORTHY RECIPIENTS!* YOU'RE AS *UNWORTHY* AS IT *GETS!*

FINE! THEN THE GADGET KEEPS ON KEEPIN' ON!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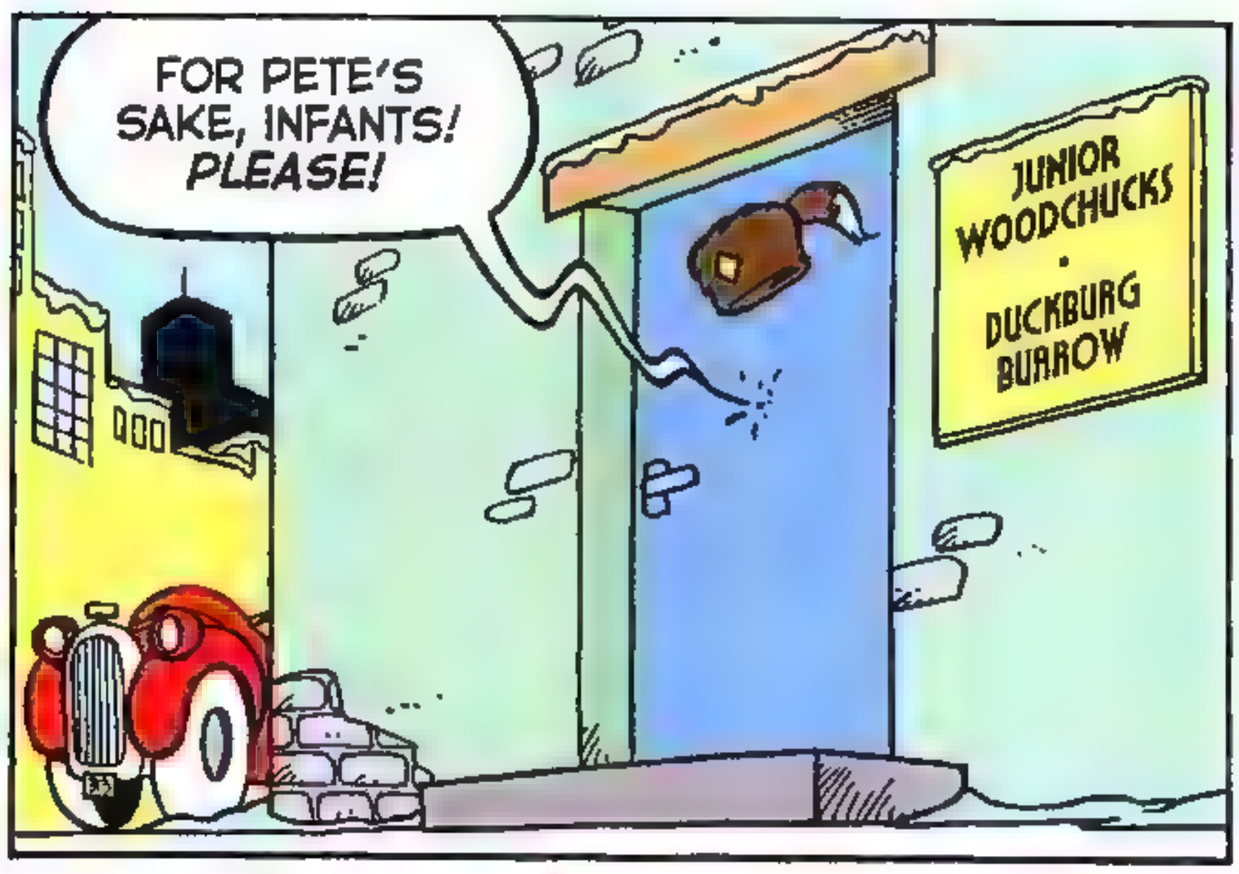
FOR PETE'S SAKE, INFANTS! PLEASE!
JUNIOR WOODCHUCKS
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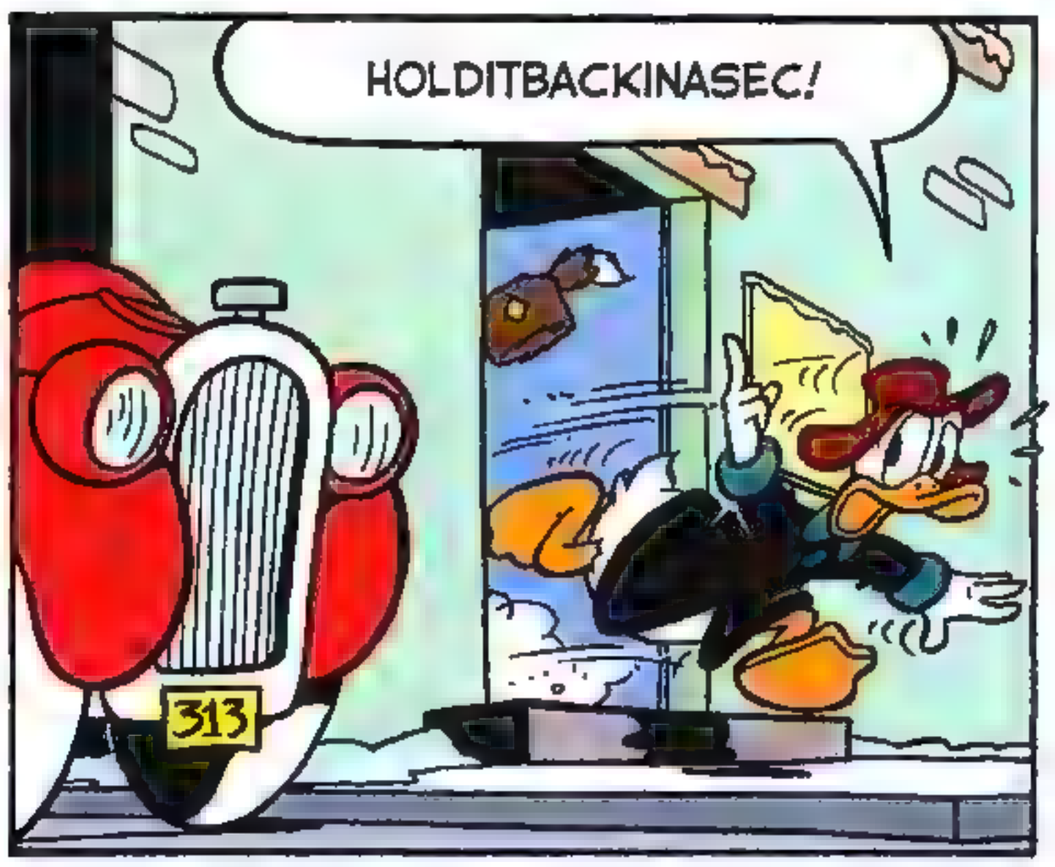
DUCKBURG BURROW

WE CAN'T JUST GIVE YOU TWO TICKETS, UNCA DONALD! THEY ONLY GO TO DONORS WHO'VE GIVEN AT LEAST $35 TO CHARITY!
SO IF I GAVE YOU $70, I'D GET TWO TICKETS?!

WELL, I GUESS...
UH, OH! I DON'T SEEM TO HAVE THAT KIND OF MONEY!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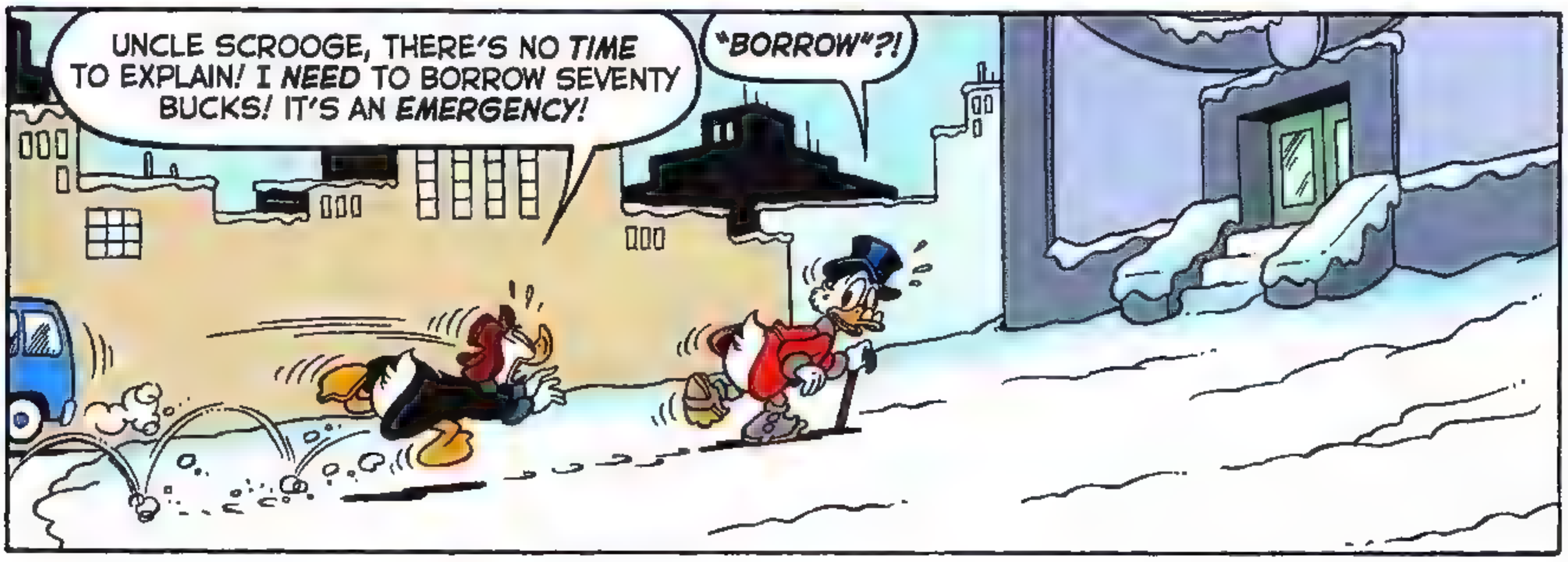
UNCLE SCROOGE, THERE'S NO TIME TO EXPLAIN! I NEED TO BORROW SEVENTY BUCKS! IT'S AN EMERGENCY!
"BORROW"?!

:HMPH!: VERY WELL! SINCE SOMETHING IS *CLEARLY* WRONG!

ROGER WILCO!

MONEY, BRATNIKS!

TICKETS, UNCA DONALD!

:HEH! HEH!: *FINALLY* THINGS ARE GOING MY WAY!

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YOURS, GLADDY BOY!

NERVOUS MUCH?

SCREEECH

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MY LUCK *ALREADY* STOPPED THAT MECHANICAL MENACE! ALL THE *SNOW* IT ATE UP *MELTED* INSIDE... AND *FRIED* ITS CIRCUITS *PERMANENTLY!*

GREAT, GREAT! I'M OFF TO GYRO'S!

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GYRO! PROBLEM SOLVED!

THANKS, DONALD! HERE'S JONES' TOASTER!

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TOASTER'S HERE, NEIGHBOR!

SNOW IS CLEARED NEIGHBOR!

AHH-HH! EVERYTHING WORKED OUT *PERFECTLY!* AND NOW FOR A CUP OF STEAMING HOT COCOA!

HOLD IT RIGHT THERE, POLLYANNA!

?!

YOU OWE ME *$70!* OR DID YOU *FORGET?*

BUT... BUT YOU *KNOW* I'M TOO POOR TO–

EXACTLY! AND WHEN YOU'RE *POOR*, YOU PAY YOUR DEBTS IN...

GRUNTWORK! SIGH! SOME DAYS YOU CAN'T AVOID IT!

THE END

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BUCKY BUG

THIS CHRISTMAS SCENE OF PEACEFUL SNOW IS ONLY INCHES DEEP! BELOW OUR BRAVE BUGS FACE EMERGENCY WITH JUNKVILLE **BURIED**... COME AND SEE!

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PLEASE ***WAKE UP,*** BUCK! WE'RE ***SAFE*** FOR NOW, IN AN AIR POCKET...

HUH? WHAT? ***WOW!***

BUT WE MUST FIND AN EXIT ***FAST!*** FOR IF WE DON'T, WE'LL NEVER LAST!

THE ***FORECAST*** SAID—

IT'S ***WRONG***... COME HELP!

WE'RE MELTING SNOW WITH ***TORCHES!***

YELP!

BAD NEWS?

I HOPE IT'S NOT TOO LATE... BUT FLAMES ***WASTE AIR!*** WE'LL ***SUFFOCATE!***

PUT OUT THOSE THINGS! I'LL ***DIG*** WITH VERVE WHILE YOU WARN TOWNSFOLK TO CONSERVE THEIR HEAT AND LIGHT!

BUT BUCK, THEY'LL ***FREEZE!***

OR NOT!

COME IN, FOLKS... ***SMILE,*** PLEASE! STAY HERE FOR NOW IN CITY HALL, AND SHARE ITS WARMTH BETWEEN YOU ALL!

I'M SHORT OF BREATH! THE AIR'S GROWN THIN!

I FEEL THE SAME, TO MY CHAGRIN!

BUT WE'RE NOT *THROUGH!* WE CAN'T JUST *STOP!*

WE MUST DIG ON... CRACK THROUGH THE TOP!

I'VE GOT IT! BRING SOME *STRONG BUGS* OVER!

BO, WE NEED TO BREAK *THIS* COVER!

WHY?

BEYOND LIES WHAT WE *NEED!*

EXPLOSIVES... THEY WILL DO THE DEED! BUST IN THIS DOOR! THERE'S *FIREWORKS* HERE!

BUT WE *NEED* THEM— TO GREET NEW YEAR!

THERE'LL BE *NO* NEW YEAR! NOT FOR US!

YOU'RE RIGHT! WE NEED 'EM *NOW!* NO FUSS!

AND SO...

I'M SET TO LIGHT THE WICK!

GOOD! LET'S STAND BACK!

I'M COMING *QUICK!*

WHAT'S HAPPENING? I HEAR NO BOOM!

IT'S ALMOST *SILENT* AS A TOMB!

THE *FUSE WENT OUT!* IT'S NOW *TOO SHORT!*

IT *MUST* BE RE-LIT! THIS AIN'T *SPORT!*

BE *CAREFUL,* BUCK—

BANG!

BOOM! BAM! POW! WHO-WHOOSH! ZIP! ZAP! POP! ZING! KAZOW!

HOORAY! HOORAY! WE'RE SAVED! FRESH AIR!

BUT BUCKY'S *GONE!*

IT'S *SO* UNFAIR!

POOR BUCK! HE GAVE HIS LIFE TO—

BO! I'M IN THE NOSECONE... *HERE!*

WHAT? SO—

YOU'RE *SAFE!* BUT *HOW,* BUCK?

IT WAS *NEAR...* I LEAPT AND GRABBED! I'M IN THE CLEAR!

YOU HAVEN'T LOST ME *YET,* MY FRIEND!

I *LOVE* YOU, BUCKY!

SMOOCH!

The End

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"I'm a dumb duck who bragged I was the world's greatest kite maker!" — Donald Duck, going with the (air) flow but not gone with the wind, from Carl Barks' "Donald's Monster Kite," reprinted in *Walt Disney's Comics and Stories* 690.

Oh, yeah... I've read plenty of these stories! I could see it coming a kite-flying mile away! Donald attaches the king of all kites to the back of his car, is swept up by a wayward whirlwind, and is headed straight toward the city. But, wait! Where's the expected swath of destruction? The running off — or perhaps kite-powered flight — to Timbuktu will have to wait. Instead, Don softly alights at the "annual banquet of the World's Greatest Men" where he is hailed as The World's Greatest Kite Maker!

Imagine that! Ya can't even predict the predictable anymore! That's why, if you look very closely at that banquet table, somewhere between the World's Greatest Vinegar Vat Scum Scraper and the World's Greatest Fender Dent Dinger-Outter, you'll see the World's Greatest Comic Book Writer/Artist... Carl Barks!

Doc Static was apparently also seated at this Table of Honor, as the World's Greatest Hypnotist! Consider that The Gleam successfully hypnotized virtually everyone in Mouseton — in Floyd Gottfredson's primo jewel-robbery mystery, which concluded this issue — except Goofy! Yet, Doc Static was able to do so just a few pages later in the Goofy story "Weather or Not"! Thus, the Good Doc has certainly earned his place among the greats! Or, maybe those two stories just weren't intended to be read so close together. You decide.

Saving the best for last, let's elevate Christopher Barat to a Junior Woodchuck rank so high, for his Woodchuck dialogue, that I won't even attempt to create an acronym long enough to do his effort the justice it deserves. Why, his title alone, "The Winter of Their Dissed Kismet," is worth a few buckets-full of Word-Smithing Merit Badges!

I've known Chris long enough to appreciate his great affinity for young adventuring characters such as Kimba the White Lion, Tintin, Richie Rich, and Lost in Space's Will Robinson. To trust him with the care and dialoguing of Huey, Dewey, Louie, and the rest of Duckburg's Troop A is a natural, and he came through in the finest fashion!

—Joe Torcivia
via email

I have just picked up *WDC&S* 686. A nice issue with Van Horn-times-two; a classic Li'l Bad Wolf; Byron Erickson getting into the Cornelius Coot/Junior Woodchuck history, and a beautifully colored Carl Barks short to finish. Good work. And you threw out a few questions at the end — so the least I can do is give you my thoughts:

1. No more prestige titles please. They are not cheap, and I'd much rather stick with the two you have — easily the perennially best Disney titles. Mouse and Duck one-shots are the way to go if you really want to publish more. My strong preference though would be to tighten up the existing titles, put your best material into them and make them absolute "must-haves."

2. The Carl Barks/Don Rosa pairings are a nice idea, but I probably won't buy them. After all, I already have all the stories.

3. *The Don Rosa Library* is in the same boat. Gladstone already published the early ones in albums, and the later stories are already nicely done on slick paper. I'm not sure I'd buy them again.

4. I think I glanced at the Duckburg map once when Disney published it, but it doesn't have much appeal for me.

Goodness — that all sounds very negative. I actually really appreciate your efforts to keep Disney material on the shelves. It's just that I'd hate to see it diluted across too many titles or formats to the point where nothing sells well enough to continue. Gladstone tried so many different things at the end of their run that I got confused trying to track the changes. Keep to the classics and do them well. I hope that helps.

By the way, back in the late 1980s Blackthorne published two issues of William Van Horn's *Tracker*. They are two of my absolute favorite comics ever! (I even bought several copies to loan them out to friends.) The tragedy was that they had "Book One of Four" and "Book Two of Four" on them and I don't think three and four ever saw the light of day. Now that's a one-shot or limited series I would buy! Please tell Van Horn that he had at least one big fan of the series in Australia.

—Andrew Davies
via email

Consider him told just now, Andrew. And thanks for your input. The Barks and Rosa collections, of course, are intended not so much for long-time fans like you, but more for those just discovering these great creators for the first time. The best modern stories will always go into our monthlies.

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